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SHREK 2



by Murray Robertson

"SHREK 2" has been found living in a forestry block adjoining Wairakaia Station at Muriwai and the long, woolly beast of a sheep will feature at the Spring Show.

The Gisborne Shrek rivals the Merino wether found on Bendigo Station near Tarras in Otago in the South Island that gained international fame in 2004.

The original Shrek avoided the muster and the shearer for six years.

Rob Faulkner, from Wairakaia, said the Gisborne Shrek had eluded him for around five years by living in a forestry block alongside the station.

"Every attempt we made in the past to muster the animal failed. Over time sheep like it become a bit feral and get very cunning," Rob said.

"A few weeks ago it got into the back paddock and I realised just what a magnificent sheep it was."

Rob said he has not yet been able to tell if it's a he or a she. He has talked to the people on the Poverty Bay A&P Show committee and it was agreed the Wairakaia Shrek will make an appearance.

"We are working on a 'guess the weight of the fleece' competition, and at some time on the Friday afternoon of the Show, Shrek 2 will be shorn."

"We are looking for a sponsor for the prize, which will be given out, along with the other livestock prizes."

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SHREK THE SEQUEL:
The district can lay claim to having a long, unshorn sheep (main picture) to rival the famous Shrek (inset) from the South Island that shot to international fame in 2004. Shrek 2 was found on Wairakaia Station recently and is to star at Poverty Bay A&P Show where his fleece will be shorn. Pictures supplied

One route option preferred

Awapuni Road only recommended for heavy vehicles

by Andrew Ashton

FLYING in the face of safety concerns of residents and Awapuni School, city planners recommend making Awapuni Road the only designated east-west route through the city for heavy vehicles.

Gisborne District Council will tomorrow consider a recommendation to restrict heavy vehicles bound for Eastland Port to Awapuni Road/State Highway 35 as part of a new draft traffic and parking bylaw.

A report from the council's strategic planning department said the recommended option was for the draft by-law to include provisions to restrict heavy vehicles from the local road network.

Scheduled restrictions will include Ormond Road, King Road and Crawford Road, with vehicles using SH2, Awapuni Road and Wainui Road (SH35) as the designated route.

The report noted heavy vehicle traffic would increase on Awapuni Road as a result.

A second option, which is not recommended, is to maintain the status quo of a dual route — heavy freight vehicles coming from Back Ormond Road or SH2 continuing to use either Ormond Road or SH35 through Awapuni Road to access the port.

Awapuni School principal Nik House said he had submitted the school's views to the council through the community consultation process.

"We understand that the industry requires access to the port and this is an important part of the local economy, and we trust that the council will include in their practical workings a consideration of safety for our tamariki and community, especially during the peak hours at the beginning and the end of the day."

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DON'T PUSH THE BUTTON: Sit Down In Front band members Roman Benson, Rikki Noble, Cory Newman (front) and Jackson Clarke inside the "Oval Office" designed especially for the music video shoot of their song Don't Push The Button. The single is due out next month. Picture supplied

FAKE NEWS?

President Trump's Oval Office shifted to Gisborne



THE REAL OVAL OFFICE: President Donald Trump at his desk in the Oval Office. The office was recreated on a set in Gisborne for the filming of punk band Sit Down In Front's latest music video. AP picture

by Mark Peters

US President Donald Trump's Oval Office was transferred to a portside warehouse in Gisborne last weekend.

This is not a conspiracy theory.

Gisborne man Josh O'Neill designed and built the West Wing office as a film set in which to shoot a music video for punk band Sit Down In Front's single Don't Push The Button.

The band has previously made three music videos but the fourth track off their most recent album, Confessions of a Pie Thief, got the VIP treatment, thanks to NZ On Air funding.

Constructed from 4x2 timber and plywood sheets the circular set features, as in the actual Oval Office, three large, south-facing windows behind the President's

desk, a fireplace at the north end, four doors complete with pediments, flags, a circular carpet, paintings and a rose garden outside.

"We were going to build a Cold War-style bunker but then we thought 'why not make an Oval Office?'" says O'Neill.

The framework initially sat on the floor but flooding caused by a blocked pipe meant the circular construction had to be lifted as sheets of plywood were slid underneath to create a new floor for the set.

The video also features President Trump, or at least a "body double" from Auckland.

An Auckland make-up artist and Wellington film editor joined the crew for the shoot.

O'Neill, a designer and filmmaker, is keen to get more people in Gisborne involved in filmmaking

and bring more people involved in film to Gisborne to help build an industry here.

"My dream is to get the funds to get people to live here, build a film studio and eventually a film school."

Eastland Group is happy to support the band by providing a space for the video shoot, says chief operating officer Andrew Gaddum.

"It was a great window of opportunity to use the warehouse for something completely different before it gets leased out."

O'Neill and Carl Newman, Sit Down In Front's manager and lead singer Corey Newman's father, are grateful to businesses who have helped supply materials and furniture for the set.

"You wouldn't get that in the big cities," says Carl Newman.

"It's the Gisborne way."

The Guide Arts & Entertainment

- Gisborne artist Conor Jeory talks about the works he created from human hair and kauri gum for an invite-only collection.
- The Guide reveals the back story to Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, a bewitching play soon to be performed by Unity Theatre.
- Samoan-New Zealander playwright Victor Rodger descends into his iconoclastic work *Uma Lava* in which no sacred cow is left unslaughtered and which is to be staged at the Tairāwhiti Arts Festival.

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HEAVY TRAFFIC: Trucks passing Awapuni School this morning. The school has opposed a recommendation to make Awapuni Road/State Highway 35 the designated east-west route for heavy freight vehicles. Heavy vehicles heading to Eastland Port can currently use Ormond Road or Awapuni Road. Picture by Liam Clayton

Masks a must as usual visiting hours resume at hospital

GISBORNE Hospital visiting hours are back to normal but all visitors and people attending outpatient appointments are being asked to wear a face covering.

With the district under Covid-19 Alert Level 1, visiting hours are between 2pm and 8pm daily on most wards.

The ward doors are locked outside these hours.

More than one person can visit at a time, and supervised children are welcome.

There may be restrictions visiting critical care areas such as Intensive Care and the Neonatal Unit due to capacity.

"We are asking visitors and people attending outpatient appointments to wear a face covering," said a spokeswoman.

"If they don't have one, they can ask a staff member for a mask."

Visitors will no longer be screened by staff on entry.

However, all people coming to the Emergency Department or a health services appointment will be asked if they have any cough or flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with anyone who has had recent exposure to Covid-19.

Visitors are asked to scan the QR codes in every hospital department they visit with the Covid Tracker app.

"If we suddenly had Covid-19 in our community, this helps us follow up any contacts," said the spokeswoman.

"People in hospital are vulnerable, so visitors need to take care."

"If you are feeling unwell or have a runny nose or cough, please don't visit anyone in the hospital."

"It's still important that everyone keeps up hygiene measures, including washing hands and coughing or sneezing into their elbow."

"We know that for people with loved ones in hospital, the last few months restrictions have been frustrating."

The hospital was grateful for people's co-operation "and helping to keep our patients and staff safe".

Harper Rd link recommended

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"On this, however, we have not been contacted yet."

The report also recommends Harper Road be used as a link road for heavy vehicles coming from Waimata Valley Road on to Back Ormond Road to access SH35.

This means access to King Road would be restricted.

Other options for the link road but not recommended are King Road and Back Ormond Road.

The report also recommended that access to the port by heavy vehicles travelling along Wainui Road from the East Coast be restricted to Hirini Street only.

The other option, which was not recommended, was to allow Crawford Road to be used for vehicles coming from the East Coast and Hirini Street for those coming from the west.

A community survey conducted by WSP (formerly Opus) found 195 people

agreed with using Awapuni Road as the designated route, with 147 against the idea.

Those in favour of a single highway route consistently cited Ormond Road as having a higher residential presence, more schools and more shops.

Other prominent reasons included Awapuni Road being better designed for heavy traffic and keeping school children safe, and minimising the cost of road damage by restricting vehicles to one road.

Those preferring a dual route option included various submissions from Awapuni Road residents and Awapuni School.

They cited property damage (due to vibrations from heavy trucks), noise pollution and general safety issues as their main reasons, as well as negative tourism and issues with accessibility to cafes, the Olympic Pool Complex, Oneroa Walkway, surf life saving clubs and the beach.

A total of 179 people agreed with the preferred option of Harper Road for a link

road, with 128 against.

Those in favour of Harper Road as the route cited it as being a better direct route to Awapuni than SH2; less fuel for trucks than SH2 so better for the environment; not having as many houses as King Road; and that it avoided Makauri School and kindergarten.

The concern for Makauri students was a strong theme, with parents and students responding, as well as an official submission from the school.

Those against the recommendation were mainly in favour of SH2.

Those in favour of King Road cited it as being the most direct route to Awapuni Road.

The main reasons for SH2 were the cost of upgrading Harper or King roads would be too great, especially considering SH2 was already a transit route.

A total of 207 agreed with Hirini St as the only port access route, with 101 against.

The draft bylaw will be consulted on later this year or early 2021.

EWC slams GDC proposals

MOVES to restrict heavy vehicle movements in the city have raised further concerns with the forestry industry and come on top of Gisborne District Council moves to hike forest owners' roading rates.

"The regional forest industry is concerned about the cumulative effect of GDC policies and proposals that are negatively impacting on the viability and sustainability of an industry which is a significant contributor to the local economy and employer of people across our community," Eastland Wood Council chief executive Kim Holland said this morning.

"They also further negatively impact on the forest industry's social licence to operate, with the increased visibility of logging trucks driving through our town."

"The state of our roads, both local and state highway, causes an increased maintenance cost (when compared to other regions) on heavy vehicles."

"GDC is looking at reducing the costs to ratepayers of roading maintenance on local roads by proposing a 'shift' to a single heavy vehicle route into and out of the city via Awapuni Road, which is a state highway."

"There will be significant costs (some of which will be to ratepayers) for the capital works required to upgrade Harper Road, Customhouse Street/Gladstone Road and the Hirini Road/Wainui/Raiakatane intersections."

"The industry is concerned about the impact

that the single vehicle route will have on other road users, and particularly for the residents of Awapuni Road.

"There will be an increased negative perception of the forest industry, despite it being a significant contributor and employer in the region."

Ms Holland said while there had been "consultation" with the industry and community, "GDC had already pre-determined the result".

The proposed move to a single heavy freight route into the city was not supported by the heavy transport sector for a number of reasons.

GDC did not direct consultants WSP (formerly Opus) to consider the status quo, instead giving the three options preferred by the council.

"They have already shown their preference for the single route and Harper Road, in the report tabled to the operations committee last week."

Ms Holland also pointed out there would be negative social impacts of increased heavy vehicles on Awapuni Road for residents, as well as increased negative perception of the forest industry by the wider community.

The number of trucks using the intersection of Customhouse Street and Childers Road, and Customhouse Street and Gladstone Road, would affect other road users.

"The industry supports Hirini Street access to port, but the need to upgrade the intersection at Wainui Road is urgent (as has been mentioned

previously the industry don't use Crawford Road as a port access road).

"Is this a sledgehammer to kill an ant-type scenario when the issues with regards to heavy vehicle use on Ormond Road are not as big as GDC is making out?"

The council was focused on saving money on local roads by making NZTA and the (forestry) heavy transport industry pay, Ms Holland said.

"We don't think we have many sympathetic ears with regard to our concerns but what we do know is that the industry will bear the brunt of this in the community and the media."

On top of those concerns, the proposed increase in the rating differential announced last week meant forest owners would contribute more towards the costs of local roading maintenance, and while there had been an increase in

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— Eastland Wood Council chief executive Kim Holland

harvesting and road use over the past 10 years, forest owners paid rates on their forests annually.

"Where has the money gone that has been collected over the past 24 years for roading maintenance?"

Ms Holland questioned the justification for the proposed rise.

"The Stantec Report indicated forest owners had underpaid by 15 percent, yet GDC is proposing a 33 percent increase. Is this going to mean a significant improvement in the quality of our roads?"

"The definition of forestry for rating purposes now includes wood lots, (which also includes GDC's own Tauwhareparae Forests), which we support."

"The forest industry has been proactive in discussing equitable rating options with the council and have made multiple submissions, but the feeling in the industry is that GDC have listened and then gone their own way."

"We have always agreed to pay our share and our discussions with GDC have been to consider alternative ways of funding, which need to be cost-effective."

"Increasing the differential every three years is an easy solution, while not actually providing the results i.e. well-maintained, usable, fit-for-purpose roads."

"The industry and the community are now paying the cost for years of neglect on our roading infrastructure by GDC."

FAMILY NOTICES

Deaths

Deaths

BRACKEN, Shirley (Sue). — On 19th September 2020, at Gisborne Hospital, surrounded by family. Loved wife of Richard for 55 years. Loved mother of John and Margaret, Susan and Tony Kendrew, and Lynne and Scott (Brisbane). Grandma to Katrina, Robert, Amy, Ryan, Ella, Michael, Brett, Samuel, Sarah. Great-Grandma to Thea.

In accordance with Sue's wishes, a private family service has been held.

GANNAWAY, Peter Adrian. — On 18 September 2020. Loving husband of Joyce. Dearly loved Father and Father-in-law of Clare and Robbie, Greg, Jane, Damian, Simon, Russell and Sharlene, Andrea and Mark, Kristy and Luis. Treasured Granddad of all his grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren.

A service will be held at the North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Road, Albany, on Thursday 24 September at 10.30am. Due to Covid restrictions, if you would like to attend the service please email Clare on, clarelewis1969@gmail.com

LAMONT, David Ancrum. — Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones, on 21 September 2020. Much loved husband of Mary. Dearly loved father of Bruce and Vera, John and Janie, Jan, Wayne and Suzie, Yvonne. Loving Poppa to all his grandchildren.

A service for Dad will be held at Evans Chapel, Thursday 24 September, at 11am.

VETTE, Andrew Derek (Andy). — On 22nd September 2020, peacefully at home. Loved husband of Vanessa. Adored father of Saffi, and Finn. Loved younger brother of Michelle and Clayton, and Kirk and Caroline.

The funeral service will be held at the Event Centre, Gisborne Showgrounds at 1pm on Friday 25th September, followed by private cremation.

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In Memoriam

PAM MAUHENI

Sadly passed away 23rd September 2018.

Remembering you is easy, I do it every day, but missing you is a heartache that never goes away.

I often lie awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon my cheeks.

I hold you tightly within my heart, and there you will remain.

Love and miss you Mum.

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Take what you need, give what you can

ANOTHER pataka kai (community food pantry) has been set up in Tairāwhiti for those in need and those who want to donate kai.

Not-for-profit organisation Sun UpCycle, created by Gisborne Boys' High students Sam Moe, Vinson Parata, Gareth Van Vuuren and Jayden Mihaka, is focused on creating community food pantries.

"Take what you need, give what you can," is the message on the pataka kai at 35 Valley Road.

Sun UpCycle chief executive Sam says the pantries are the result of working at the Tairāwhiti MenzShed.

"We are building a couple at the MenzShed. Another one is set to be released early next week in Kaiti.

"The roof panels were donated to us by a local builder and the rest of the materials were paid for by a \$500 donation from Bunnings."

"It is such a good feeling to feel supported by a big corporation like Bunnings and a local Tairāwhiti builder."

Sun UpCycle also continues to receive support from the Taiki E! impact house at Treble Court.

The first pataka kai set up at Sports Gisborne Tairāwhiti has been going really well, Sam says.

"There has been a lot of food donated and people have been taking what they need. It is doing its job."

Sam (standing) and Vinson are pictured at the Valley Road pataka kai.

Picture by Rebecca Grunwell

GDC agrees to drop disabled park fees

by Matai O'Connor

PARKING meters in disabled parking spots will be removed by the Gisborne District Council following a presentation from Disability Advocates.

"This is great news for the people with disabilities in Tairāwhiti," said Rachel Lodewyk who, with Karen Tait, took the issue to the GDC operations committee in August.

Mrs Lodewyk and Mrs Tait each have disabled sons, and Mrs Tait is disabled herself.

They told the councillors parking meter payment could be a barrier for those with a disability.

Following their presentation, GDC decided that disabled carpark users who correctly display their mobility parking

permits will not receive a ticket for parking if they have gone over time or if they are unable to easily access the meters, GDC democracy support services manager Heather Kohn said in an email to Mrs Lodewyk.

"The team are currently processing a change to disabled parking which involves removing the disabled parking meters. They will be replaced, however, with a maximum time limit to enable use by more than one user so that the CBD is accessible to multiple people," she said.

"Tickets will be issued to those not displaying a mobility parking permit or who exceed the time limits."

Ms Kohn noted that the revenue gained from the meters (\$16,000-\$17,000) fell within the limits for

matters to be dealt with as an "operational matter".

"But it may well be that it becomes an elected member/committee decision," she said.

"After presenting the barriers that paid parking meters pose for people with disabilities, the council have met and agreed to remove the parking meters in the disabled car parks."

Mrs Lodewyk said, "We would just like to say how much we appreciate a council that listens to the people and follows through."

"The 2013 Disability Strategy, while being recognised by the council as being well overdue for updating, was a great platform to work with and we look forward to seeing an updated, future-focused Disability Strategy."

Pole knocked over in collision

ST JOHN ambulance staff checked over a man last night after the car he was driving left the road at the Ormond Road-Hall Street corner in the city and hit a street light pole.

It happened at around 5.45pm. "The pole was ripped from its footing and levelled in the collision," a senior firefighter said.

The man was assessed by the ambulance staff at the scene, and did not need to go to hospital. The fire crew who attended made the vehicle and the scene safe.

Police also attended.

Wood council scholarships open for forestry hopefuls

AN extra incentive is on offer for those keen to further a career in forestry with the help of two \$1500 scholarships.

Each year the Eastland Wood Council (EWC) offers two scholarships either for those wanting to enter the industry or those already in forestry and keen to upskill or retrain, work in the region and/or whakapapa to Tairāwhiti.

EWC chief executive Kim Holland said

the scholarships were part of the wood council's commitment to grow its people.

"There are a wide range of further learning opportunities for people within the forest industry, from on-the-job training through industry training organisations, to the diploma offered by Turanga Ararau/Toi Ohomai and on to degree level programmes at Canterbury University," she said.

For those looking to study at

Canterbury, principal companies offered internships and work experience as the graduates were highly sought after.

Last year's two scholarship recipients reflect the spectrum of opportunities in forestry — one completing a tertiary qualification and the other working in the industry and upskilling.

Reihana Fisher completed his Bachelor of Forest Science at the University of Canterbury and Wade

Brunt is studying and training towards the New Zealand Certificate in Exercise, to enhance the work that he has been doing to improve the health and wellbeing of his work mates through the Forestry Health Camp and Jogging for Logging initiatives.

Applications for the 2020 scholarships close on October 31.

For more information download the application from the EWC website.

Wednesday waka fundraiser

YOUNG crew hosted a successful open day on the Tairawhiti Waka Hourua last weekend to raise money for an upcoming voyage in the school holidays.

Tairawhiti Voyaging Trust manager Emma van Berkel said they were very proud of the way the rangatahi interacted with everyone and shared what they had learned.

"They were confident and courteous and it was a pleasure to watch them share their waka with the community," she said.

The plan was for the waka to be beached at Waikanae but there was too much swell so the open day took place in port by Shed 3. That was followed in the afternoon by a sail in the bay, the prize for winners of a raffle run earlier.

Ms van Berkel said a steady flow of people came on board between 11am and 2pm. They were welcomed aboard by the crew of young people

who sail on the waka every Wednesday. They were given an orientation of the waka and were able to look around, ask questions and try out a few activities.

"The weather was beautiful and sunny, and there was a very positive friendly atmosphere, so all round a great day.

"We received a lot of positive feedback from people who came on board.

"It was a long day and a lot of planning and preparation went in from the rangatahi, and our crew all provided their time voluntarily, so they deserve a lot of credit and recognition for their commitment to the kaupapa and for making the waka accessible to our local community."

The Wednesday waka crew reached their target of \$1000 through a combination of entry fees and raffle sales which will fund their voyage in the school holidays.



NICE ONE: It's a thumbs up from Saphire, Arty and Zarneo Baker for the Tairawhiti Waka Hourua.

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ALL HANDS ON DECK: Anroux Viljoen and Kyra Langford man the "hoe" steering paddle.



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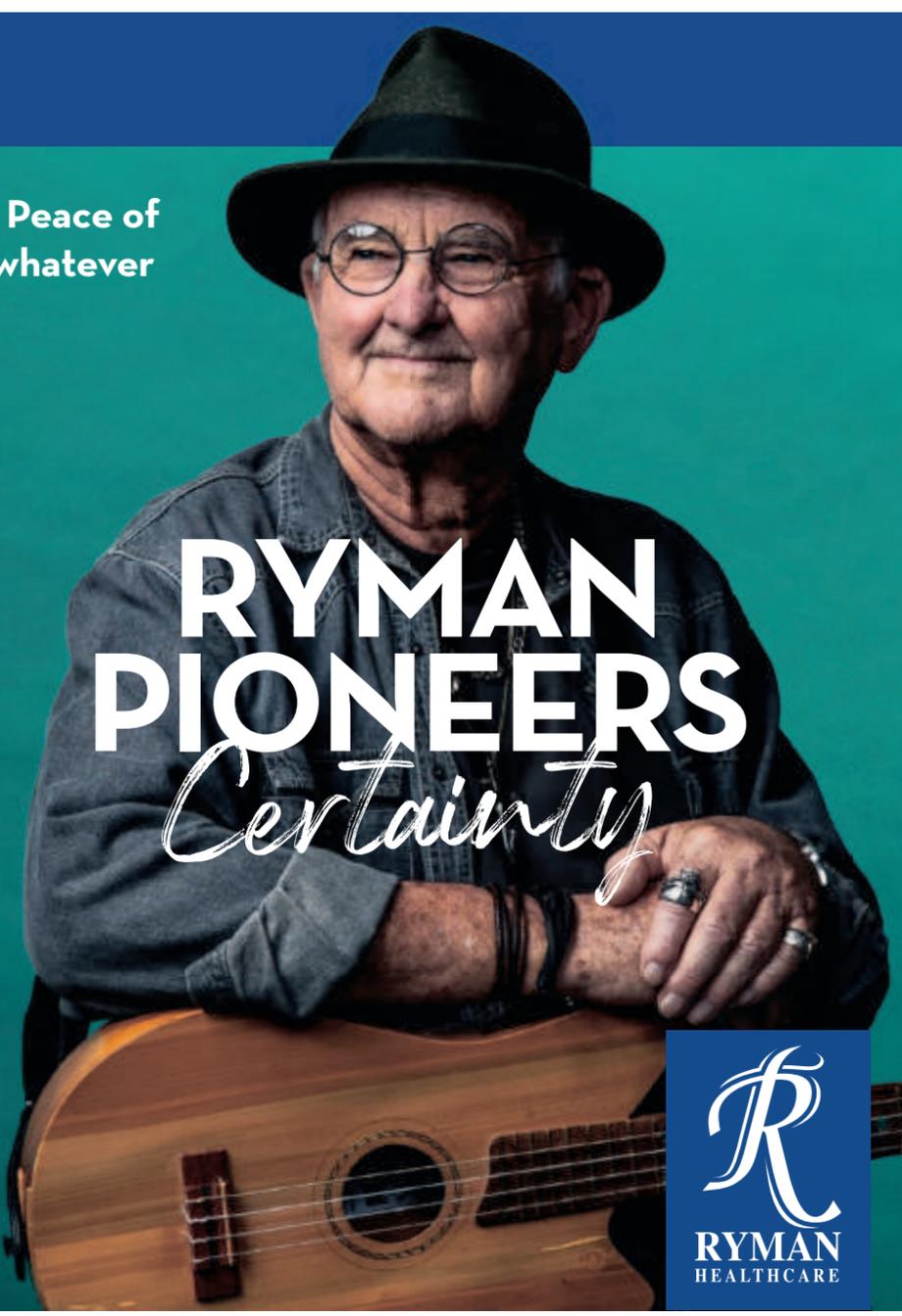
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Labour dips, National flounders

WELLINGTON — Labour would be able to govern alone if the election were held today, according to a 1 News Colmar Brunton poll.

But the party has dropped five points to 48 percent since July. National has also dropped further to 31 percent.

The first public political poll in two months landed last night ahead of the first election debate between Labour Party leader Jacinda Ardern and National Party leader Judith Collins.

The poll is good news for the Act Party which has gone up to 7 percent, while NZ First is still languishing at 2 percent.

The Green Party is on 6 percent. Of parties outside Parliament, the New Conservatives are at 2 percent, TOP, the Maori Party and Advance NZ on 1 percent.

The results would mean Labour got 62 seats and could govern alone.

As preferred PM, Jacinda Ardern was on 54 percent — holding her high popularity from July. Judith Collins had dropped slightly from 20 to 18 percent.

David Seymour and Winston Peters were on 2 percent.

Tonight's poll gives the state of play for the parties just before the TVNZ Leaders Debate.

Ardern told 1 News she was pleased with the result.

"Regardless we will not be complacent."

Collins had refused to be interviewed for the poll.

National's campaign chairman and deputy leader Gerry Brownlee said Collins was busy preparing for the TVNZ leaders debate.

Although Labour has dropped from 53 to 48 percent, its support is still holding strong.

He said Collins was getting a good reception from the public in the campaign.

The poll ran from Thursday until Monday night — taking in National's tax cuts announcement on Friday.

It shows while Labour has dropped from 53 to 48 percent, its support is still holding strong. The second wave of Covid-19 hitting Auckland had come between the last poll and this.

Brownlee told 1 News the party would like to have gone up in support, but it took time for policy announcements to bed in with the voters.

Fourteen percent of voters were undecided, in the poll.

Meanwhile, the Act Party has overtaken the Green Party in support.

Leader David Seymour said it was "very encouraging" and would only spur them on to campaign harder.

Seymour has been the party's only MP, but would get a caucus of nine MPs if

the result was replicated on election night.

Seymour said the Covid-19 era seemed to have benefited the party, which has also campaigned against gun law reforms.

The Green Party had also not suffered from the controversy over co-leader James Shaw's advocacy for a grant to the Green School, a private school in Taranaki.

Shaw said the result would mean a Labour-Green Government, which was what he hoped for.

NZ First leader Winston Peters said polls were "rubbish".

The result will disappoint National, which had hoped to get

some traction out of the tax cuts policy.

That policy will give workers between \$8 and \$58 a week more for a period of 16 months from December — at a cost of \$4.7 billion to the Government in foregone revenue.

Although Labour's Grant Robertson revealed a \$4 billion miscalculation in National's fiscal plan, that did not happen until Sunday at the tail end of the polling period.

Nor has Collins been able to capitalise on her start in the job, when she got 20 percent as preferred PM in the July poll.

That was the highest any National leader had got since former Prime Minister Bill English took over.

It is also the first poll since more detailed information on the economic impact of Covid-19 has come out.

That included the news of a 12.2 percent drop in GDP for the second quarter of the year and forecasts of high deficits and debt levels for a decade in the Pre-Election Fiscal Update.

The last 1 News Colmar Brunton poll was at the end of July — a fortnight after Collins took over the leadership of National and before a second outbreak of Covid-19 in Auckland on August 11.

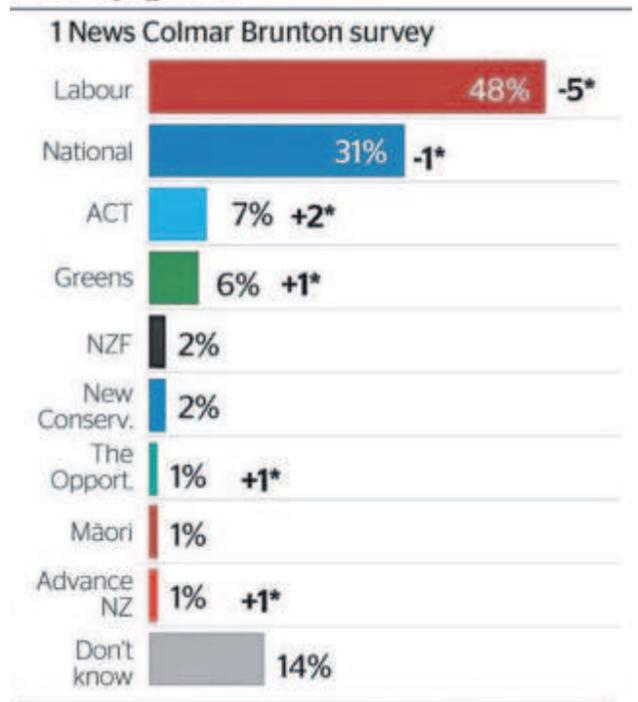
That resulted in a return to a level 3 lockdown for Auckland and level 2 restrictions for the rest of New Zealand.

In that poll, Labour was on 53 percent and National was down at 32 percent while the Green Party and Act were at 5 percent and NZ First at 2 percent.

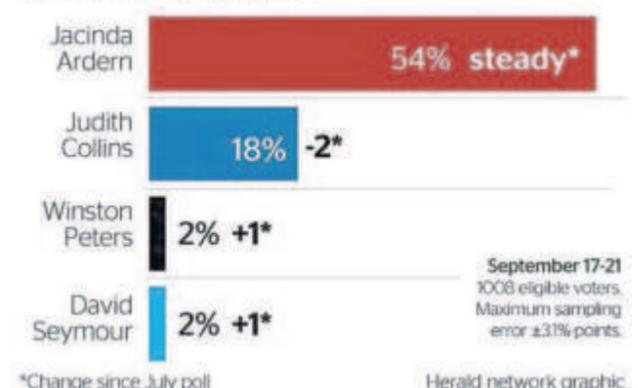
As preferred Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was on 54 percent, and Judith Collins on 20 percent.

— NZ Herald

Party poll



Preferred PM



More weak-positive cases expected: Bloomfield

WELLINGTON — While we may see more historical cases of Covid-19 in New Zealand return weak-positive tests, Dr Ashley Bloomfield says he's confident they're not infectious.

There's been a handful of historical cases returning weak-positive tests in New Zealand.

RNZ reporter Tom Kitchin got sick with the virus in March and was cleared in early May. In the last few days he tested positive and then negative again.

He told Morning Report he had a very sore throat, felt tired and a bit unwell so felt he had nothing to lose in getting tested again.

"I was expecting it to be negative. It took 72 hours and waiting for that long was pretty

dreadful... when I got the results it was a weak-positive. The DHB rang me and I was in complete shock, I just couldn't believe it really."

As well as two or three cases like Kitchin's the Director-General of Health Dr Ashley Bloomfield says a number of people have returned weak-positive cases after coming through the border.

"It's still a small number but our sense is we may see more of these so we're just looking at first of all how we manage them but also how we report them."

He's confident these people won't spread the virus and says a study was done in South Korea which followed a group of several hundred

people who returned a subsequent positive test, were isolated and contact traced. It found no-one else was infected by these cases.

People who return a weak-positive test are treated as if they are a positive infectious case until more testing is undertaken, he said.

"The [cycle threshold] number that is the cut off is generally about 30, early in an infection the cycle threshold is lower, it's sort of under 25, around 30 you start to wonder but if it's over 35 you're sort of pretty confident that this is an old infection."

Regarding the case of a person who tested positive after a long incubation period, Dr Bloomfield says officials are still confirming

where the infection happened.

The man tested positive for Covid-19 nearly a week after leaving managed isolation may have had an unusually long incubation of the virus.

"It seems most likely that it actually happened on the flight from India through to New Zealand... because there was a number of cases on that flight and several of them have got the same genomic sequence... as this person."

The case warrants exploring the options for testing people after they've left managed isolation, Dr Bloomfield said.

This may include testing people who have come from places which have high number of cases, he said. — RNZ

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SHOWDOWN: Jacinda Ardern and Judith Collins went head-to-head in the first Leader's Debate on TV ONE last night, hosted by John Campbell.
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Much-needed boost for Nats in first debate

Popular PM a formidable opponent, however

COMMENT by Jane Patterson, RNZ

AUCKLAND — National Party leader Judith Collins needed to perform in the first major televised election campaign last night, and she did.

She may not have “crushed” Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, but certainly put her under pressure.

The energy of the Labour leader was flat, and her National Party opponent took advantage of that with plenty of eye rolling and eyebrow raising. Overall, though, it was a lacklustre affair.

Like with everything at the moment, Covid left its mark on the televised debate as well. Auckland was still at Alert Level 2, so there was no live audience to feed off and interact with. Even the large media contingent that usually attends the leaders debates was restricted to 10 journalists, who were watching from an area far away from the studio itself.

The debate rounded off a shambles of a week for National, after an awkward virtual campaign launch and with it being on the back foot over a \$4 billion bungle in its economic plan.

Collins was the obvious underdog, with the 1 News-Colmar Brunton poll being unveiled an hour before the debate, which confirmed the 17-point gap that National had to bridge, so she had nothing to lose.

She had no qualms about taking on Ardern directly — interrupting her, challenging her and openly scoffing during some of the more heated exchanges.

Ardern pushed back in the latter part of the debate, aware many of her points were getting lost as Collins simply talked over her to make her own. However, afterwards Ardern said she was happy with her performance, telling reporters “blood sport” was not her style.

However, this was a debate more about personalities than an intense policy debate, with voters learning little new about their respective plans.

Except that Collins did not actually mean it when she said on the campaign trail the Government’s freshwater reforms would be “gone by lunchtime”.

In fact, she committed last night to scrapping only one — the ban on irrigation, and the rest would be “reviewed”.

While Covid-19 is still at the forefront of many people’s minds, specific references to either the virus or the recession were surprisingly few and far between.

Climate change, poverty, inequality, housing and job creation were the focus — all entwined in some way with the pandemic, but the discussion was much broader. The tone was set perhaps by the first, specific question about the timetable of a hospital build when New Zealand was facing a huge economic crisis, right across the country.

Vulnerabilities for Ardern include the abandoned capital gains tax and child poverty; under attack, that was when she became the most animated. She deployed few attack lines of her own, but tax was one, repeating Labour’s message that National’s \$4bn package of tax cuts was “irresponsible”. No mention though, surprisingly, of the \$4bn being a hole in National’s economic plan.

There was a subtle reminder, however, by Ardern in her closing statements about why she has attained such personal popularity in this country due to her handling of the disasters that have struck New Zealand in her first term.

Collins has not had the time for the obligatory “getting to know you” exercise with voters, so she needed to perform last night in a forum where politicians can deploy as much personality as they want or can.

She was sharp and confrontational and knew her policies; she became emotional when talking about the challenges facing the farming sector and a brief mention of her Chinese-Samoan husband when asked about the pressures on many New Zealand families. Acknowledging the effects of poverty and restating the commitment not to slash benefits could help blunt Labour’s line that National would implement a slash and burn programme of austerity if elected.

However, first of all, voters have to trust what Collins says.

It was a much-needed boost for the National team but the race is by no means over. Ardern is a formidable opponent and not one likely to buckle under the pressure. While not into political “bloodsport”, she may just need to put on the gloves for next one.



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\$104 million cathedral rebuild will take years

CHRISTCHURCH — Work to reinstate the ChristChurch Cathedral is now well under way, but it could be eight years before it reopens.

The cathedral was damaged in the September 2010 earthquake and reopened soon after. However, the February 2011 earthquake devastated the building.

The cathedral lay in ruins for years while a decision was made as to what to do with it. In 2017 the Synod voted — by a narrow majority — to reinstate the building. This came after the then-National government offered a \$10 million cash contribution and a \$15m loan — a \$10m grant was also pledged by the Christchurch City Council.

The building had long stood as a symbol of the lack of progress on the city's rebuild, but now, more than 10 years after the first earthquake, work is being overseen by the ChristChurch Cathedral Reinstatement Trust.

NZME staff were taken on a tour of the cathedral site by project director Keith Paterson to see what was being done.

TIME TO REINSTATE: Much of the work going on now is to stabilise the building. The building has long stood as a symbol of the lack of progress on the city's reconstruction.

Picture supplied by Logan Church



Much of that work involved stabilising the structure.

At the front of the building — the west wall — timber bracing had been put up. That wall, including its large rose window, collapsed following the quakes. Facing timber had also been installed in preparation for permanent stabilisation frames.

On the southwest transept, the first part of stabilisation work was under way. That involved creating heavy

foundations to support steel frames that would reach to the top of the transept. Then, long steel bars would be drilled into the wall to connect the frames to the building — core samples had been taken from the wall to check for voids.

Gaps in the building would also be weather-proofed.

On the other side of the building, similar work was being completed, with large foundations put in place to support a structure that would

clamp on to the building.

Paterson said the building also needed to be cleared of vermin.

Aside from the stabilisation work, efforts were being made to preserve the heritage of the building — including its contents. There was still a big question mark over how much the project would cost. An estimate in 2017 was around \$104m, made up of the church's insurance money, the Crown and council contributions, grants, and fundraising efforts.

Anglican bishop Victoria Matthews initially wanted to demolish it and build a replacement, at the time saying there were much greater concerns facing the church, including child poverty and climate change. It was expected the final cost would be more than \$104m and while Paterson would not say what the updated cost figures were, he said that information would be released next month.

He said it was also not possible to state a firm timeframe for how long the work would take. — NZ Herald

Akld Harbour Bridge temporary repair completed

AUCKLAND — Temporary repair work on the Auckland Harbour Bridge has been successfully carried out overnight, the Transport Agency says.

A truck crashed into a strut on the bridge arch on Friday, after being hit by 127kmh wind gusts, closing four lanes.

Overnight, the lower half of the strut was being replaced with a section of freshly fabricated steel. Another lane heading into the city has been opened, and traffic management is being put in place to open an extra northbound lane.

Traffic is building up again this morning and Waka Kotahi NZTA is urging drivers to check travel times.

"We had perfect weather conditions on the Harbour Bridge overnight and so progress was much faster than we had hoped," the agency's manager of transport services Brett Gliddon said.

"There was very little wind, good temperatures and visibility which meant the team were able to get the new section installed and carry out the testing all in one night."

No overweight vehicles are allowed on the bridge, and heavy vehicles are asked to use the western ring route until the permanent solution is installed. Buses will continue to use the clip-on lanes.

The bus priority lane that has been in place for the past two days at the Fanshawe Street on-ramp has been relocated to the left of the on-ramp to help provide more reliable travel for people on buses. This means that the Curran Street northbound on-ramp can re-open to traffic. — RNZ

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FOLLOWING WHALES ONLINE: By attaching tracking tags, apart from following the whales' travel, the scientists were able to do other research such as measuring the size of individual whales using drone technology. RNZ picture

Whale watching by satellite

AUCKLAND — Scientists have attached satellite tracking tags to six southern right whales or tohora and are inviting people to follow the whales' travels online.

It is part of a major research project involving the University of Auckland and Cawthron Institute. The latest expedition involved eight scientists sailing to Port Ross on Auckland Island.

The researchers worked in the sub-Antarctic where tohora gather each winter in the sheltered harbour of Port Ross which serves as a nursery and socialising destination.

As well as attaching tracking tags, the scientists were able to do other research such as measuring the size of individual whales using drone technology.

The expedition to Port Ross, which lies more than 400km south of Stewart Island in the Southern Ocean, aims to find out more about the migration routes and offshore feeding grounds of this population of whales.

Early results from the satellite tracking shows the whales already leaving Port Ross for the summer but so far they have defied predictions in

terms of their destination.

"We had expected they would travel north to the warmer waters nearer New Zealand and Australia where we assume their traditional feeding grounds are," lead researcher Dr Emma Carroll said in a statement.

But she said so far the whales have swum further south towards Antarctica and spent longer in the general region than expected.

Cawthron Institute marine ecologist Dr Simon Childerhouse, who was also involved in the expedition, said this particular population of tohora have recovered well from whaling from the early 1800s when numbers plummeted to as low as 40 from an estimated 30,000. By 2009, the population had recovered to around 2000 whales.

Climate change and its possible effect on the food chain is now one of the biggest threats to the whales.

"Other tohora populations in the Southern Hemisphere are not faring that well and there is ongoing concern about how climate change may be affecting the amount of food available to them," Dr Childerhouse said in a statement. — RNZ

Ministers face off over National's fiscal hole

QUEENSTOWN — The credibility of the National Party's economic plan was at the forefront of a lively finance debate on Tuesday night amid claims of a widening fiscal hole.

Just hours after it was reported that National's fiscal and economic plan appeared to have double-counted \$3.9 billion left over from the New Zealand Upgrade package, the ASB Great Debate was held in Queenstown.

Before the debate, the party's finance spokesperson Paul Goldsmith denied making a mistake and said the missing money would come from reallocating funds collected through fuel taxes and road user charges.

But it's not the first time questions have been raised about National's plan, with Goldsmith on Sunday admitting the party used figures from the Budget to forecast how much it would save by suspending payments to the Super Fund, instead of from the Pre-Election Fiscal and Economic Update (PREFU). That left the party's plan with a hole of \$4.3 billion.

Asked to explain it all at the Tuesday debate, Goldsmith said a mistake had been made with the Super Fund savings — but it's now fixed.

"The good news, it makes no difference to any of our policies or ideas that we will fund over the next few years," the National Party spokesperson said.

However, the party is now proposing to get debt-to-GDP to 36 percent by 2033/34, instead of the 35 percent planned.

Goldsmith told the Queenstown audience that National had a "credible"

plan — to which Labour's Grant Robertson snickered — that would provide tax relief to families. The party is proposing temporarily increasing the tax thresholds, a measure it says would provide stimulus into the economy.

"What matters to New Zealanders is how we get the 100,000 people who might lose their jobs over the next two years back into work and how we grow this economy. We have a plan for doing that," Goldsmith said.

But Robertson said the recent revelations showed National's plan didn't add up.

"That does matter. It matters and it goes to the competence to actually be able to manage us through this particular crisis," the Labour party finance spokesperson said.

Get New Zealanders spending again, get the economy ticking over, you continue to invest in quality public services, and then, over the decades, you pay back debt.

—Paul Goldsmith

He said there was a "fundamental flaw" with National's plan.

"(Goldsmith) has got three things that don't go together. He is going to reduce the amount of revenue through the tax cuts, he is going to increase the amount of spending, and he is going to speed up the pace in which we pay back debt," Robertson

said.

"Those three things don't add up. Paul, your plan doesn't add up."

Goldsmith responded by saying that National was focused on stimulating the economy early on.

"Get New Zealanders spending again, get the economy ticking over, you continue to invest in quality public services, and then, over the decades, you pay back debt."

ACT leader and Epsom MP David Seymour defended Goldsmith — who he referred to as his "constituent" — by saying Robertson as Finance Minister had led New Zealand to a situation where a billion dollars "just ain't that much money anymore."

Robertson jumped in to ask Seymour if he wouldn't have implemented the wage subsidy scheme for Kiwis during the pandemic.

Nearly \$14 billion has been paid out through the wage subsidies, supporting 1.8 million jobs.

"Absolutely, you have got to do the wage subsidy. There is no question about that," Seymour responded.

"You have a billion here and a billion there. All of a sudden, you are talking real money and then you blame (Paul) for missing \$4bn."

Also at Tuesday night's debate was the Green Party co-leader James Shaw and New Zealand First deputy leader Fletcher Tabuteau.

Shaw said stimulus was "flowing through wage earners and into inflated asset prices", referencing house prices which continue to surge.

He said it is a "hyped up version" of what happened during the global financial

crisis.

"There is a fundamental imbalance there because the people who will be paying back that debt will be on the wage and salary earners side, not on the asset-owning side. That is a fundamental imbalance that we need to address," he said.

The debate, hosted by Newshub political editor Tova O'Brien, saw a 400-strong crowd pack the Queenstown Memorial Centre. It was one of the first election campaign events to be held with a large crowd after most of the country on Monday night moved to Alert Level 1, allowing gatherings of more than 100 people.

While the respective party spokespersons each put forward their visions for New Zealand's economy, there were also a few friendly snipes throughout the night.

Despite Queenstown being located in the heart of the Southland electorate — a strong National seat — it was Seymour who received the loudest welcome from the crowd.

That set up one of the first jabs of the night when New Zealand First deputy leader Fletcher Tabuteau said he was "surprised" by the reception Seymour received, to which the ACT leader replied: "Get used to it".

Unfazed, Tabuteau hit back, claiming ACT was destined to stay on the Opposition benches. Seymour responded quickly, telling the New Zealand First MP that that was in Parliament.

On recent polling, New Zealand First isn't hitting the 5 percent threshold, meaning without an electorate seat, it would be out of Parliament.

— NewsHub

Wgtn Hospital mental health unit unsafe says union

WELLINGTON — Staff at Wellington Hospital's mental health ward say the unit is at crisis point and they are scared, distressed and feel unsafe at work.

The letter from Public Service Association (PSA) union members to senior managers was written in February this year but workers say little has changed since.

The Chief Ombudsman inspected the unit in March and found it breached the United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel or Degrading Treatment.

In the strongly worded letter to Capital and Coast District Health Board, 28 staff detailed a list of what they called urgent and critical problems. They described the ward — Te Whare O Matairangi, Wellington's acute in-patient mental health facility — as severely overcrowded, under-resourced and unsafe — both for workers and patients.

The letter gave examples such as a homicidal patient showing up with a bag of weapons, and a staff member being sexually assaulted. At the time it was written, most of the patients in the unit had a criminal or violent past including assaulting staff, significant stalking behaviour, arson and drug use.

PSA organiser Alexandra Ward said the 29-bed unit was over capacity for 11 months of the past year, sometimes caring for 34 people at a time. "The mix of not enough staff and too many clients to be caring for with that understaffing... It is really consistent, it's really ongoing. The members have also been calling attention to it for literally years."

The staff said they felt fearful and burned out. Despite a recommendation from the Chief Ombudsman in 2017 to stop using seclusion and de-escalation rooms as bedrooms, the practice was still continuing.

The letter said at times agitated patients have had to be put in a courtyard because there was no other space for them and communal areas were also being used as bedrooms.

"The interview room and TV room are being utilised as bedrooms with mattresses on the floors. This results in increased frustration from the patients who are unable to access the television, or have private areas for review with their medical team," the letter read.

— Radio New Zealand

Govt reprieve for 11,000 foreigners with expiring working holiday visas

by Derek Cheng, NZ Herald

WELLINGTON — Immigration Minister Kris Faafoi has announced a reprieve for 11,000 foreigners with expiring working holiday visas, who will be able to stay and work in horticulture and wine-growing jobs.

A Supplementary Seasonal Employment (SSE) visa will be automatically given to those with working holiday visas that expire between November 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.

And Faafoi has announced that the border will be opened for hundreds of specialist workers including veterinarians, deep-sea fishing crew, and agricultural and horticultural mobile plant operators.

The Government announcement comes as the National Party released its plan to allow more essential foreign workers into New Zealand without compromising safety.

Faafoi said the Government had established border exceptions for entry for a limited number of workers: 30 veterinarians, 570 deep-sea fishing crew, and 210 agricultural and horticultural



FILLING THE GAP: According to Immigration Minister Kris Faafoi the government has established border exemptions and visa changes to help get specialised workers in the country and fill labour shortages in key sectors.

File picture

mobile plant operators.

The exceptions will be time-limited, he said, and industry representatives will identify which workers will be eligible.

"There are not enough New Zealanders to fill current needs for livestock veterinarians, especially in isolated areas. Training to be a vet takes years so these vacancies cannot be filled quickly," Faafoi said.

Mobile plant operators worked with highly specialised machinery, he said.

"Their skills are required urgently to avoid the loss of crop and animal feed that will soon be ready for harvest."

And shortages in deep-sea fishing workers could not be filled by Kiwis in the short-term, Faafoi said.

"In exchange for the border exception, the fishing industry has committed to removing barriers to employing New Zealanders, including reviewing pay structures and business models, and investing

significantly in training and education."

He said horticulture and wine-growing employers will be able to take on SSE workers for roles in regions approved by the Ministry of Social Development.

SSE workers could also work for accredited SSE employers or for a Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) which has unfilled RSE spaces.

Other work visa holders can apply for an SSE visa if they have a job offer from one of these employers or if the job is on the Ministry of Social Development list.

In addition, all RSE workers stranded in New Zealand who have been granted a more flexible visa to work part-time and do non-RSE work will be able to "re-enter" the RSE scheme and work for an RSE employer with 30 hours per week average pay guaranteed.

Faafoi said the changes would help fill roles that cannot be filled by New Zealanders in the short term, while the industry works on other solutions.

"Without these visa changes, there will not be enough people in the right locations to ensure fruit and produce is picked in

time."

The changes are for the 2020/21 season only.

"While only a small number of migrants can arrive in New Zealand, the Government is enabling the remaining migrant workforce to stay on. This will go a long way to support the labour needs of the horticulture and viticulture industries.

"RSE workers offshore will be able to return and work in New Zealand when it is safe to do so."

This morning the National Party said it wanted to open up the borders to let in more foreign workers and international students.

And National wants the private sector to be allowed to accommodate overseas arrivals, which would shoulder some of the costs while boosting capacity.

All private facilities would have to meet standards of safety, security, reporting, transporting, training and testing, as well as associated costs.

National's proposed Te Korowai Whakamaru/NZ Border Protection Agency would set the standards, and any contractors working at private MIQ facilities would have to pass a "rigorous" screening process.

Customers' money used to cover wages and rent

'Significant co-mingling of funds' uncovered at STA Travel — report

STA Travel has been using New Zealand customers' deposits for overseas holidays to cover company wages and office rent, RNZ Checkpoint can reveal.

In its first report back to creditors, the administrators — Deloitte — say they have uncovered a "significant co-mingling of funds" within company bank accounts here and globally.

That has prompted a warning for Kiwi travellers to be wary of using travel agents who are not registered with the Travel Agents Association of NZ (TAANZ).

Abbey L'Estrange missed out on a three-month trip of a lifetime when Covid-19 shut borders around the world.

However, to make things worse, she has now lost \$10,000 due to STA Travel's nosedive into insolvency.

"I was hoping I could possibly put it towards buying a house this year to make something good out of 2020. I wasn't able to go on my travels, (but) I thought that something good could come out of the situation. But if I don't see any of that money back, it (buying a house) is probably not going to happen," she said.

Travellers like L'Estrange, who deposited thousands of dollars for their overseas trips, could be forgiven for thinking those funds were going towards their dream getaways.

But sources inside STA Travel have told Checkpoint that was not always the case, and customers' funds were instead often syphoned off to pay for company expenses.

Those claims have been confirmed in a just-released report by the administrators Deloitte, which was obtained by Checkpoint.

It states that money held by STA Travel — in the form of customers' deposits for trips, as well as refunds paid back by providers like airlines for



trips that never happened — has been squandered elsewhere.

"Was money received by STA Travel relating to client refunds and deposits used for operating expenses, such as staff wages, PAYE and rent? We are still working through that, but it would appear the answer to that question is 'yes'," administrator and Deloitte's national head of restructuring services David Webb said.

With his colleague, Colin Owens, he has been investigating the cause and fallout of STA Travel's NZ closure, which was preceded by the failure of Swiss-based parent company, STA Travel Holdings AG.

He said many out-of-pocket STA Travel customers believed their deposits and refunds were held in a trust account by STA Travel NZ.

"The monies were not held in a trust account," Webb said. Instead, they were held in a so-called "client fund account".

The administrators' investigations have found

that funds in that account were forwarded to STA Travel international entities for supplier payments.

Funds were also funnelled into STA Travel's NZ operating account, and from there used to pay for company expenses. As to whether it was legal, Webb said he would not comment, but repeated that the monies were not held in a trust account.

"There's no actual law saying that the travel agents have to hold the money in a trust fund, it's not like a real estate agent or anything like that," University of Auckland associate professor in commercial law Alex Sims told Checkpoint.

However, Assoc Prof Sims said the issue of agencies not using customers' funds to pay for their travel had caused issues in the past.

The practice raised eyebrows for the liquidator investigating the affairs of Auckland's Guru Travel when it failed last year.

"The liquidator actually said they thought it was irregular that it wasn't being held. So it may be a thing that's done in the industry, but it doesn't actually mean to say they legally have to."

In the Deloitte report to creditors, Webb and Owens said they had faced difficulties

accessing records for the company.

Financial records had been particularly hard to come by, because they were prepared and maintained by a STA Travel team located in Romania.

STA Travel's NZ downfall has prompted Webb to give a word of warning for New Zealand travellers.

"It's really important that when people are booking with travel agencies that they are, particularly here in New Zealand, registered with TAANZ. Also, where possible, book (your trips) on credit cards — that will give you the ability for further insurance."

However, that word of warning was no help for customers who already have been stung by the STA Travel mess, like L'Estrange. "It's been pretty stressful. \$10,000 is a lot of money to lose," she said.

And it only gets worse for creditors of STA Travel NZ, with losses now totalling \$11.1 million — and counting.

STA Travel's global management has not replied to requests for comment, and STA Travel's New Zealand former general manager has directed questions to administrators.

— RNZ Checkpoint

Lack of events means billions lost to the NZ economy

by Jane Phare, NZ Herald.

AUCKLAND — The New Zealand economy is losing billions of dollars worth of business because trade and consumer shows are constantly being cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions, an events organiser says.

Brent Spillane, managing director of XPO Exhibitions, says thousands of Kiwi suppliers and businesses are suffering as a result. He wants help from the Government to develop a plan to allow trade shows and exhibitions to be held safely under Levels 1-2.5.

Spillane, whose company would normally hold 18 trade and consumer exhibitions each year, is frustrated by the lack of progress on an issue he says is urgent.

He has had to cancel or reschedule 16 events this year and says other event organisers face the same fate.

"Our business activity is effectively banned at the moment, yet thousands of people are converging on malls every weekend and every week day — without any strong controls in place."

If the Government was serious about helping businesses recover and boosting the GDP, it needed to urgently develop a plan to allow trade shows and exhibitions to be held, Spillane said.

The New Zealand Events Association has requested a meeting with the Minister of Health, Chris Hipkins, through the MBIE, but has yet to have a date confirmed.

The events association will argue that exhibitions should not be classed in the same category as mass gatherings given the more controlled environment, pointing to exemptions in Germany and more recently in Queensland and South Australia.

They want shows to go ahead under strict Covid-19 guidelines, which could include masks being distributed at events, contact tracing and the use of the Covid-19 app, erecting temporary walls to break up large spaces, and introducing specific session times to control numbers.

"We can do those things. It's just that we haven't got a seat at the table to discuss what's appropriate for the industry," Spillane said.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Health said that although the restrictions of Covid under higher alert levels were difficult for many businesses and members of the public, it was important to remember that they were in place for public health reasons. Indoor mass gatherings posed a higher risk for transmission of infectious diseases when they were circulating in the community.

"Any decision to change our advice must be based on an assessment of the overall risk for each environment, which includes looking at how easily the virus could spread, how quickly contacts could be found if it did, and mitigations in place to lower the risk."

SHAREMARKET YESTERDAY

WELLINGTON — A suggestion that Fisher & Paykel Healthcare product could be used in home diagnosis has led to a recovery in its share price, and in the local stock market generally.

The S&P/NZX 50 Index gained 70.12 points, to 11,609.22, and 48 million shares worth \$154.41 million changed hands.

There were 57 gainers and 78 decliners over the whole market.

Fisher & Paykel recovered the previous day's losses and more, rising \$1.23 or 3.94 percent to \$32.42 on trade worth \$32.42m.

Rickey Ward, JBWere head of investment strategy group, said a broker's note in the United States indicated that a study was under way to find ways of funding home medical diagnosis.

"The expectation of home diagnosis in

United States and Europe has been brought forward because of Covid," he said.

"People can be tested and treated in the comfort and security of their homes rather than be put into situations of mass gatherings and higher risk.

"This benefits companies like Fisher & Paykel, which produces sleep apnoea and high-flow technology, such as humidifiers.

"Home diagnosis is an enormous market," Ward said.

Fisher & Paykel's competitor in Australia, ResMed, also had a strong rise on the S&P/ASX 200 Index, climbing 71c, or 3.06 percent, to A\$23.86 (NZ\$25.82).

Ward said the lower trading on the New Zealand market was a sign that stocks were well owned or it is going into a holiday period and focusing on the election policies being

provided by the different parties.

Mainfreight, which rose 25c, to \$45.85, is receiving continued support after the British government said it would remove duty-free tax on some goods and services as part of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union.

Freightways, too, was having a revival, up 14c to \$7.66, and Ward said retailer Harvey Norman reported its online sales was the highest in 60 years.

"If you buy online, the products have to be couriered from A to B and Freightways has benefited.

"There are also more people working from home — and that's another effect of Covid."

It was a recovery day all around as Pushpay Holdings gained 15c to \$7.75, Ryman Healthcare was up 18c to \$13.68, and SkyCity increased 9c or 3.24 percent to \$2.87 with restrictions on gatherings being reduced in Auckland tomorrow morning.

Chorus fell further, down 14c to \$8.66; a2 Milk had a late fall to \$17.65, down 21c; and Briscoe Group lost 17c or 4.17 percent to \$3.91 with shareholders reaching the recorded day of September 22 for receiving the interim dividend.

Overnight in the United States, the topsy-turvy Dow Jones Industrial Average had a 500-point fall, losing 1.84 percent to 27,147.70 as investors worried about when Washington would agree on another Covid-19 economic stimulus bill.

The S&P 500 Index was down 1.16 percent to 3281.06, and the Nasdaq Composite slipped 0.13 percent to 10,778.80 points.

Gold was struggling to get back to its fabled US\$2000-an-ounce benchmark, trading steadily at around US\$1912 an oz.

The New Zealand dollar remained solid at 66.79c against the US greenback — having moved up from 57.35c in mid-May.

— The New Zealand Herald

EDITORIAL

Collins needed to impress in debate

Most commentators have called the first leaders' debate as a win for National's Judith Collins, and she needed that after the 1 News Colmar Brunton poll released just before it showed her party on 31 percent against Labour on 48 and able to govern alone at a pinch — and with its natural partner the Green Party there as well, up an all-important point to 6 percent despite a rough couple of weeks.

Collins was combative and will have impressed some of the multitude of supporters the party has lost to Labour thanks to a successful pandemic response in Government, and more recently to ACT which gained again to 7 percent in last night's poll. Remember, the Nats were on 46 percent in this poll as recently as early February, against 41 percent for Labour . . . then came Covid-19, then a series of setbacks, embarrassments and two leadership changes for National.

Asked about the poll, Collins put the party's result — 1 point less than the last Colmar poll in late July, soon after she took over — down to the second lockdown halting campaign momentum, and pointed to the 14 percent undecided who National would be targeting.

Jacinda Ardern was measured and on top of detail, but relatively flat. Afterwards she said voters knew politics as a bloodsport was not her style, and that the debate felt like more of a "contested conversation, rather than an argument between political foes" . . . which earned another guffaw from Collins, who said she had really enjoyed herself, got "a lot of policy out there" and wished it had gone on longer.

Both leaders stressed that they had the plan New Zealand needed to recover from the economic shock of Covid-19, but there was little detail on those plans as the debate traversed key broader issues of climate change, infrastructure deficits, the housing crisis, poverty, inequality and job creation.

Collins played to her base on climate change, twice referencing New Zealand's small share of global greenhouse gas emissions (which are high per capita, because of our reliance on agriculture to earn a living in the world) and saying farmers felt bagged by Labour and the Greens.

Ardern responded with the need to collaborate on solutions, like they had done with the Zero Carbon Act, and for incentives to reduce emissions as well as the importance of a pumped hydro scheme for the country's renewable energy future. Collins said such a scheme would raise power prices, and ensured she had the last word on that.

Taruheru walkway risks

We saw an ambulance attend to a small child on the existing walkway. Fortunately it was on a part that was very easily accessible.

This raises the question, is there a plan for any medical emergency evacuation on the proposed Taruheru River walkway/cycleway extension, given that access will be very limited? Time can be critical to outcomes in some medical events.

The plans don't show guardrails? Is this not a requirement? Is it included in the cost, or will this be the usual "extra"? It would be considerable, as well as loading the design with extra weight.

What about Gisborne's growing litter problem, what are the plans for this? Will regularly-placed bins

be provided? Again, access will influence any proposed locations for emptying them . . . or will the less-caring users have a ready-made litter bin, the Taruheru River? More plastic in the waterways?

Well-shaded areas will be unusable in frosts, which are lethal on timber decking to both pedestrian and cycle users. Back to guardrails and the ability to evacuate an accident victim in those remote locations . . .

Dead livestock are regularly seen in the river. What is the plan if a sheep or larger carcass gets lodged under the walkway?

Wading birds nest along this route, skinks as well. Will they lose their habitat?

P. MILLAR

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, ONLINE COMMENTS

Slow down, crazy halfwit

Tuesday morning, 6.50am. To the driver of the flash red ute/truck tailgating a car on Nelson Road, forcing it to pull over, so you overtake it, to then abruptly turn sharply

into a workshop . . . leave home a bit earlier so you don't have to drive like a crazy halfwit!!

FRIGHTENED MORNING WALKER

Staggering wildlife decline

The latest World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Living Planet Report has found that half a century of human activity has decimated global wildlife populations by an average of 68 percent.

The study analysed population sizes of 4392 monitored species of mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians from 1970 to 2016. Populations in Latin America and the Caribbean fared the worst, with a staggering 94 percent decline. All told, the drastic species decline tracked in this study signals "a fundamentally broken relationship

between humans and the natural world," says the WWF.

I have said before, we are part of Mother Earth's web of life — to continue as we do, our species is doomed as well.

There is nothing more important than maintaining a living planet.

We can all do something with the general election coming up next month.

Party vote Green — the only party with climate change and the environment as their top priority.

BOB HUGHES

Better than 70 illegal shops

Re: 'No' to legalising cannabis monster, September 19 column.

We all want to live in safe, fair, healthy communities, and I do understand your fear, but I'd much rather have seven legal shops than 70 illegal ones. Unfortunately, we don't know how many cannabis outlets there are in Gisborne now because cannabis is illegal, unregulated and out of the control of responsible people. But there are likely dozens. They are selling cannabis, meth, synthetics and many other products too. To ignore this and focus on the number of legal shops we may or may not have is disingenuous.

Given that 80 percent

of New Zealanders use cannabis at some point in their lives, the status quo is a public health disaster. If we regulate cannabis we can ensure products are safe, correctly labelled, and include health warnings and child-proofing. Importantly, we can set potency limits to protect our most vulnerable. We can implement a model that is focused on improving public health and reducing harmful use.

If we want to succumb to fear, let it be of the illegal market which has no conscience and is subject to no controls.

KALI MERCIER, Wellington

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Short timelines, sports hub consensus required

Re: Three sports hubs.

I attended the consultation session held on Tuesday, September 15th. The authors of the Community Facilities Strategy document made some excellent points that I think were missed in this article.

The timelines on this consultation document are critical. If Tairāwhiti wants to see quality indoor and outdoor sports facilities similar to what other communities around New Zealand are currently enjoying, there needs to be good discussion and consensus building.

When this proposal is presented to central government, we as a community must all be on the same page. Central government will be more inclined to allocate funds if the community is agreed in where it wants to house these facilities.

The intent is to present this

proposal after the election. Unfortunately the sense of urgency around the timing has not been communicated well, nor the need for us to debate the proposed locations and settle on the one that will best achieve the objectives of improving participation in recreational opportunities here in Tairāwhiti.

MEGAN COSTELLO

Footnote from Ed: The Gisborne Herald wasn't invited to the consultation sessions or to report on the developing situation regarding the Community Facilities Strategy. This economic case for three sports hubs was in wide circulation, though, and having received a copy we felt it should be reported on. Sport Gisborne Tairāwhiti chief executive Stefan Pishief was happy to provide comment for our article. The document has not yet been made publicly available online.

Shopkeeper, firefighter

Re: Tiny house razed by fire, September 22 story.

In 1989, my family and I were travelling to Gisborne from Auckland. We stopped in Te Karaka for some drinks and snacks. There was a shop — I'd say it was next to what had been Lane's Bakery. Our purchases were on the counter and I was chatting to the owner while I got

out my money. The fire siren sounded; immediately, the shopkeeper vaulted the counter in one bound without a word about the money and sprinted across to the fire station. A lady came from the back and accepted the payment as the fire engine passed the shop on its way to the fire.

RICHARD, Auckland

Social Credit right all along

Gavin Maclean is right on the money in quoting Bernard Hickey.

The Reserve Bank is printing money and the Government could borrow directly off its own bank without needing to spend taxpayer money paying interest. Why would it need to pay interest to itself?

But he then goes on to promote the Green Party's Poverty Action Plan which, while targeted at the right things, will be funded by taxing people more, not using the very source of finance (the Reserve Bank) that he has just talked about.

Social Credit, on the other hand, has a much broader poverty action plan targeting those least well off, which

includes GP and dentist visits capped at \$20, and free urban public transport, funded from the Reserve Bank without the need to raise taxes or to siphon money away from healthcare, education, housing or infrastructure.

Social Credit has for 67 years talked about the capacity of the Reserve Bank to create the money necessary to drive the economy.

It has been rubbished over those years but it turns out it was right all along.

All that's needed is one small step to use that capacity to directly fund government expenditure that benefits those who most need it.

CHRIS LEITCH, Social Credit leader, Whangarei



UNIMAGINABLE CRISIS: The United States passed a grim milestone yesterday, marking 200,000 deaths from the coronavirus. The tally, according to Johns Hopkins University, is expected to be much higher than the given figures. Activists from the Covid Memorial Project marked the deaths by placing thousands of small American flags on the grounds of the National Mall in Washington yesterday. AP pictures



'Unfathomable' milestone

US coronavirus death toll passes 200,000

WASHINGTON — The US death toll from the coronavirus topped 200,000 yesterday, by far the highest in the world, hitting the once-unimaginable threshold six weeks before an election that is certain to be a referendum in part on President Donald Trump's handling of the crisis.

"It is completely unfathomable that we've reached this point," said Jennifer Nuzzo, a Johns Hopkins University public health researcher, eight months after the scourge first reached the world's richest nation, with its state-of-the-art laboratories, top-flight scientists and stockpiles of medical supplies.

The number of dead is equivalent to a 9/11 attack every day for 67 days. It is roughly equal to the population of Salt Lake City or Huntsville, Alabama.

And it is still climbing. Deaths are running at close to 770 a day on average, and a widely cited model from the University of Washington predicts the US toll will double to 400,000 by the end of the year as schools and colleges reopen and cold weather sets in. A vaccine is unlikely to become widely available until 2021.

"The idea of 200,000 deaths is very sobering, in some respects stunning," Dr Anthony Fauci, the Government's top infectious-disease expert, said on CNN.

The bleak milestone was reported by Johns Hopkins, based on figures supplied by state health authorities. But the real toll is thought to be much higher, in part because many Covid-19 deaths were probably ascribed to other causes, especially early on, before widespread testing.

In an interview yesterday with a Detroit TV station, Trump boasted of doing an "amazing" and "incredible" job against the scourge.

And in a pre-recorded speech at a virtual meeting of the UN General Assembly, he lashed out at Beijing over what he called "the China virus" and demanded that it be held accountable for having "unleashed this plague onto the world". China's ambassador rejected the accusations as baseless.

For five months, America has led the world in the number of confirmed infections (nearly 6.9 million as of

Tuesday) and deaths. The US has less than 5 percent of the globe's population but more than 20 percent of the reported deaths.

Brazil is No.2 with about 137,000 deaths, followed by India with approximately 89,000 and Mexico with around 74,000. Only five countries — Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Spain and Brazil — rank higher in Covid-19 deaths per capita.

"All the world's leaders took the same test, and some have succeeded and some have failed," said Dr Cedric Dark, an emergency physician at Baylor College of Medicine in hard-hit Houston. "In the case of our country, we failed miserably."

Blacks, Hispanics and American Indians have accounted for a disproportionate share of the deaths, underscoring the economic and healthcare disparities in the US

Worldwide, the virus has infected more than 31 million people and is closing in fast on one million deaths, with over 965,000 lives lost, by Johns Hopkins' count, although the real numbers are believed to

be higher because of gaps in testing and reporting. For the US, it wasn't supposed to go this way.

When the year began, the US had recently garnered recognition for its readiness for a pandemic. Health officials seemed confident as they converged on Seattle in January to deal with the country's first known case of the coronavirus, in a 35-year-old Washington state resident who had returned from visiting his family in Wuhan, China.

On February 26, Trump held up pages from the Global Health Security Index, a measure of readiness for health crises, and declared: "The United States is rated No.1-most prepared."

It was true. The US outranked the 194 other countries in the index. Besides its labs, experts and strategic stockpiles, the US could boast of its disease trackers and plans for rapidly communicating lifesaving information during a crisis. The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention was respected around the world for sending help to fight infectious diseases.

But monitoring at airports was loose. Travel bans came too late. Only later did health officials realise the virus could spread before symptoms show up, rendering screening imperfect. The virus also swept into nursing homes and exploited poor infection controls, claiming more than 78,000 lives.

At the same time, gaps in leadership led to shortages of testing supplies. Internal warnings to ramp up production of masks were ignored, leaving states to compete for protective gear.

Trump downplayed the threat early on, advanced unfounded notions about the behaviour of the virus, promoted unproven or dangerous treatments, complained that too much testing was making the US look bad, and disdained masks, turning face coverings into a political issue.

On April 10, the President predicted the US wouldn't see 100,000 deaths. That milestone was reached on May 27.

Nowhere was the lack of leadership seen as more crucial than in testing, a key to breaking the chain of contagion.

"We have, from the very beginning, lacked a national testing strategy," Nuzzo said. "For reasons I can't truly fathom we have refused to develop one."

Roberto Tobias Jr, a 17-year-old from Queens in New York City, lost his mother and father to Covid-19 a month apart in the spring. He and his sister also contracted the virus but recovered. Tobias is now applying to college, hoping to get into Columbia University and become a neurosurgeon.

"Because it's just me and my sister, we have to rely on each other," he said. "We are the only blood left."

The real number of dead from the crisis could be significantly higher: As many as 215,000 more people than usual died in the US from all causes during the first seven months of 2020, according to CDC figures. The death toll from Covid-19 during the same period was put at about 150,000 by Johns Hopkins.

Researchers suspect some coronavirus deaths were overlooked, while other deaths may have been caused indirectly by the crisis, by creating such turmoil that people with chronic conditions such as diabetes or heart disease were unable or unwilling to get treatment.

Dark, the emergency physician at Baylor, said that before the crisis, "people used to look to the United States with

As the US struggles, Africa's Covid-19 response is praised

JOHANNESBURG — At a lecture to peers this month, John Nkengasong showed images that once dogged Africa, with a magazine cover declaring it "The Hopeless Continent".

Then he quoted Ghana's first president, Kwame Nkrumah: "It is clear that we must find an African solution to our problems, and that this can only be found in African unity."

The coronavirus pandemic has fractured global relationships. But as director of the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Nkengasong has helped to steer Africa's 54 countries into an alliance praised as responding better than some richer countries, including the United States.

While the US surpassed 200,000 Covid deaths and the world approaches one million, Africa's surge has been levelling off. Its 1.4 million confirmed cases are far from the horrors predicted. Antibody testing is expected to show many more infections, but most cases are asymptomatic. Just over 34,000 deaths are confirmed on the continent of 1.3 billion people.

Experts caution that data collection in many African countries is incomplete, and Nkengasong warned against complacency, saying a single case can spark a new surge.

"Africa is doing a lot of things right that the rest of the world isn't," said Gayle Smith, a former administrator with the US Agency for International Development. She's watched in astonishment as Washington looks inward instead of leading the world. But Africa "is a great story and one that needs to be told."

Nkengasong, who the Gates Foundation honoured yesterday with its Global Goalkeeper Award as a "relentless proponent of global collaboration", is the continent's most visible narrator. A former official with the US CDC, the Cameroon-born virologist modelled the African version on his ex-employer. It pains him to see the US struggle now. — AP

a degree of reverence. For democracy. For our moral leadership in the world. Supporting science and using technology to travel to the moon."

"Instead," he said, "what's really been exposed is how anti-science we've become." — AP

Race to save stranded pilot whales

TASMANIA — At least a third of the 270 whales stranded off the coast of Australia's Tasmania have died and more are feared to be dying, rescuers say.

The mass stranding on the west coast of the island was discovered on Monday.

Marine biologists are scrambling to save the remaining pilot whales in a tricky operation likely to take days.

Tasmania last recorded a mass stranding in 2009 involving around 200 whales.

Rescuers from the Tasmanian Maritime Conservation Program arrived late on Monday and found three groups of whales across Macquarie Heads — a remote tip of the island with limited vessel and road access.

About 200 of the mammals had washed up on a sandbar near a boat ramp, while 30 others were found several hundred metres away. Another 30 were found further inland along Ocean Beach.

Many of the whales are in "relatively inaccessible" locations, posing a challenge for rescuers.

A team of about 40 trained rescuers began to re-float a small number of whales yesterday morning — using equipment to push the animals off a sandbar into deeper waters.

"Normally we're dealing with animals high and dry on the beach. This is different. We've got animals semi-buoyant so it probably won't take too much to re-float them — it just involves a bit



WHALE STRANDING: Around one third of an estimated 270 pilot whales that became stranded on Australia's island state of Tasmania had died as rescuers managed to return 25 to the sea in an ongoing operation.

AP picture

of grunt," said wildlife biologist Dr Kris Carlyon. If the whales are doing well in the water, then the next step is to get them further out.

Dr Carlyon told reporters this would likely be a challenge against the strong tide. Boats might be used to help the manoeuvre.

However, he said many of the animals may

simply be too big or in an unsuitable location. Pilot whales can grow up to seven metres long and weigh up to three tonnes.

He said rescuers knew from previous missions that pilot whales can survive three or four days being beached, and many in this group were in good "wet and cool" conditions. — BBC

India makes progress in talks with China

SRINAGAR, India — Senior Indian and Chinese military commanders have agreed to stop the further buildup of troops along their fast-militarising disputed border in the mountainous Ladakh region where the two Asian giants have for months been locked in a bitter standoff, the Indian military said yesterday.

In a statement, India's defence ministry said the two sides have also agreed to "strengthen communication on the ground" and "avoid misunderstandings and misjudgements" along the contested, border known as the Line of Actual Control. However, it did not mention any breakthrough during the talks about the troops' disengagement.

The standoff in the cold desert of Ladakh began in May and escalated in June to the deadliest violence between the two sides in decades — a clash on a high ridge in which soldiers used clubs, stones and their fists. Twenty Indian soldiers were killed and dozens of others were injured. China is believed to have also suffered casualties but did not provide any details.

After that clash, the two countries partially disengaged from the site in Ladakh's Galwan Valley and at least two other places, but the crisis has continued in at least three other areas, including the glacial Pangong Lake.

— AP

PM urges togetherness to combat coronavirus

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson appealed yesterday for a "spirit of togetherness" through the winter as he unveiled a series of new restrictions on everyday life to suppress a dramatic spike in new coronavirus cases.

Warning that the restrictions could last for six months, Johnson voiced his hopes that "things will be far better by the (UK) spring" when a vaccine and mass testing of the population could be in place.

Perhaps the most high-profile change centred on pubs, restaurants and other entertainment venues in England, which will, from Thursday, have to close at 10pm. Johnson also changed course and urged people to work from home where possible.

He said stiff fines will be imposed on anyone breaking quarantine rules or gathering in groups of more than six, while the use of face masks will be expanded to include passengers in taxis and staff at bars and shops.

He added that the Government's change of tack was necessary in light of a recent uptick in cases and warned that further restrictions may have to be taken in coming weeks if people fail to abide by the rules.

"If we follow these simple rules together, we will get through this (UK) winter," he said. "But now is the time for us all to summon the discipline, and the resolve, and the spirit of togetherness that will carry us through."

In a speech with deliberate echoes of World War 2 communal spirit, Johnson said that "never in our history has our collective destiny and our collective health depended so completely on our individual behaviour".



Boris Johnson

The other nations of the UK — Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland — also tightened restrictions, going further in some cases.

The new curbs came as official figures showed that the UK recorded 4926 new coronavirus cases, the most since early May.

Although more testing is taking place now, the number of daily cases being reported is more than four times the figure a month ago. Many scientists see echoes of the path of the outbreak earlier in the year when the virus spread swiftly through the country and led to Europe's deadliest outbreak. The UK has seen 41,825 people die within 28 days of testing positive for Covid-19.

Earlier, Johnson had told lawmakers in the House of Commons that barring a vaccine or new forms of mass testing, "we should assume that the restrictions I have announced will remain in place for perhaps six months". — AP

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UN mark anniversary in deeply polarised world

Virtual meeting raises questions about US-China tensions

NEW YORK — The United Nations marked its 75th anniversary yesterday with its chief urging leaders of an increasingly polarised, go-it-alone world to work together and preserve the organisation's most important success since its founding: avoiding a military confrontation between the major global powers.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' appeal for a revival of multilateralism — the foundation of the United Nations — was echoed by leaders of countries large and small, rich and poor.

But despite largely positive speeches, it was clear that challenges lie ahead in collaborating to beat the coronavirus pandemic, end numerous smaller conflicts from the Middle East to Africa, and achieve UN goals to eradicate extreme poverty and preserve the environment by a 2030 target.

"Today we have a surplus of multilateral challenges and a deficit of multilateral solutions," the UN chief said, stressing that Covid-19 has "laid bare the world's fragilities", which can only be addressed together.

"Climate calamity looms, biodiversity is collapsing, poverty is rising, hatred is spreading, geopolitical tensions are escalating, nuclear weapons remain on hair-trigger alert."

Appealing for a new multilateralism that draws on civil society, cities, businesses, local authorities and young people, Guterres said "no one wants a world government — but we must work

CHALLENGING TIMES: The UN's first virtual meeting of world leaders started yesterday with pre-recorded speeches from some of the planet's biggest powers, kept at home by the coronavirus pandemic that will likely be a dominant theme at their video gathering this year.

AP picture



together to improve world governance".

The United Nations marked its 75th anniversary — the charter's signing in San Francisco on June 26, 1945 — at an event scaled down because of the pandemic.

Yesterday's mainly virtual official commemoration wasn't a celebration but a sobering assessment of the state of the world, the impact of the 193-member world body over seven decades and the struggles ahead.

As a sign of the commemoration's importance, heads of government like Chinese President Xi Jinping and French President Emmanuel Macron spoke.

US President Donald Trump was first

on the list of 182 speakers, but he didn't offer remarks.

In a snub to the United Nations, the United States instead was represented by its acting deputy UN ambassador, Cherith Norman Chalet.

Guterres and many others said the founding of the United Nations in 1945 and the commitment to co-operation after two world wars and the Holocaust produced results.

"Never in modern history have we gone so many years without a military confrontation between the major powers," the secretary-general said. "This is a major achievement of which member states can be proud — and which we must all strive to preserve." — AP

Mount Everest record-breaker dies aged 72

KATHMANDU — A veteran Nepalese Sherpa guide who was the first person to climb Mount Everest 10 times has died at age 72 after a long illness, family members said.

Ang Rita, who was among the first Sherpa guides to receive international fame for his accomplishments, had suffered from health problems for many years and had not climbed any mountains since setting the Everest record in 1996.

His daughter, Dolma Lhamo, said he died in his sleep on Monday at their home on the outskirts of Nepal's capital, Kathmandu.

Ang Rita was a national hero known as the "snow leopard" but struggled financially and with his health, including liver illness and swelling of the brain.

He was in bad health at his home in his mountain village in 1999 when his close friend, former Nepal Mountaineering Association President Ang Tshering, hired a helicopter and flew him to a hospital in Kathmandu for treatment.

He was hospitalised again for months in 2017 due to continued swelling of the brain. The cause of death was not disclosed.

Sherpa are an ethnic group from the Himalayan region, many of who work as guides or support staff for foreign climbers.

They carry equipment and supplies and dig paths in the snow and ice to help their clients get to the summit, usually with little recognition.

Since Ang Rita set his record on the world's highest peak, several mountaineers have surpassed it. Kami Rita, who is not related, has scaled the 8850 metre peak 24 times.

Ang Rita is survived by a daughter and two sons. Funeral plans are to be decided by the family's Buddhist priest. — AP

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5pm The Chase PG
6pm 1 News At 6pm
7pm Seven Sharp
7.30 The Chase Bloopers PG
 Things do not always go to plan. Host Bradley Walsh looks back at the most hilarious and bizarre outtakes from the quiz show The Chase.
8.20 LIVE Lotto
 The Lotto draw.
8.25 The Chase Bloopers
 Continued.
8.30 Border Security PG
9.30 Coronation Street PG
 When the consultant says a specialist from another hospital is coming to assess Oliver and give a second opinion, Steve and Leanne feel renewed hope.
10.30 1 News Tonight
11pm Manifest 16
 After a shooting, the Stone family are hit with the most foreboding Calling yet.
11.50 Take Two
 The disgraced former star of a hit police series begins shadowing a lone-wolf private eye to research a potential comeback role.
THURSDAY
12.45 Te Karere
1.10 Infomercials
5.35 Te Karere
6am Breakfast
9am The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 With Pete Buttigieg.
10am Tipping Point
11am The Chase
Noon 1 News At Midday
12.30 Emmerdale PG
 Archie and Arthur are afraid; Wendy is keen to have Harry; Victoria is excited about her job.
1pm Coronation Street Catchup PG
 When the consultant reveals a specialist from another hospital is coming to assess Oliver and give a second opinion, Steve and Leanne feel renewed hope.
2pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show
 With Kristen Bell.
3pm Tipping Point
4pm Te Karere
4.30 One World Kitchen
5pm The Chase

BRAVO

5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PG
6.30 Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles
7.30 The Bachelor Australia PG
8.30 One Born Every Minute UK M
9.30 999: What's Your Emergency? M
10.30 Snapped M
11.25 Buried In The Backyard 16
THURSDAY
12.15 Infomercials
10am Judge Jerry
10.30 How Do I Look?
11.30 Snapped M
12.25 The Kelly Clarkson Show
1.30 The Real Housewives Of Beverly Hills M
2.30 Below Deck: Sailing Yacht
3.30 Southern Charm PG
4.30 Millionaire Matchmaker PG
5.30 Keeping Up With The Kardashians PG

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5.05 The Simpsons PG
5.30 The Big Bang Theory PG
6pm Neighbours PGV
6.30 Home And Away PG
7pm Shortland Street PG
7.30 MasterChef Australia: Back To Win
8.40 Wentworth 16VLC
 A new inmate charged with several counts of murder arrives at Wentworth but, when it is revealed she is part of the cult Lou and Reb escaped from, secrets threaten to be exposed.
9.45 Paranormal Caught On Camera M
10.40 Two And A Half Men PGC
11.10 2 Broke Girls PG
11.40 Killing Eve MV
THURSDAY
12.30 Hell's Kitchen USA 16L
1.15 Shortland Street PG
1.40 Infomercials
2.40 Come Dine With Me
4.40 Emmerdale PG
5.05 Neighbours PGV
5.30 Infomercials
6.30 Book Hungry Bears
6.50 Maia The Brave
7am We Bare Bears
7.25 Beyblade Burst Rise
7.50 Miraculous: Tales Of Ladybug And Cat Noir
8.15 Esmé And Roy
8.35 Moon And Me
9am Dorothy And The Wizard Of Oz
9.10 Infomercials
10.10 Neighbours PGV
10.40 Murphy Brown PG
11.10 Grey's Anatomy M
Noon MasterChef Australia: Back To Win
1.10 Judge Rinder PG
2.05 The Middle
2.30 Home And Away PG
3pm Shortland Street PG
3.35 Bluey
3.40 The New Legends Of Monkey PGV
4.05 Brain Busters
4.35 Friends
5.05 The Simpsons
5.35 The Big Bang Theory PG

CHOICE

5pm Jamie's 30-Minute Meals
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum
6.30 Salvage Hunters
7.30 The Curse Of Oak Island PGC
8.30 High Arctic Haulers PGC
9.30 Chasing Monsters PGC
10.30 Salvage Hunters
11.30 Mysteries At The Museum
THURSDAY
12.30 Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
1am Jamie's 30-Minute Meals
1.30 Baggage Battles
2am Million Dollar Car Hunters
3am Animal Park
4am High Arctic Haulers PGC
5am Mysteries At The Museum PGC
6am Gardeners' World
7am Gino's Italian Coastal Escape
7.30 Jamie's 30-Minute Meals
8am Animal Park
9am Baggage Battles
9.30 Ultimate Sportsman's Lodge
10am Celebrity Motor Homes
10.30 Mysteries At The Museum PGC
11.30 Salvage Hunters
12.30 The Curse Of Oak Island PGC
1.30 High Arctic Haulers PGC
2.30 Chasing Monsters PGC
3.30 Earthflight
4.30 Gordon Ramsay: Ultimate Home Cooking
5pm Field Trip With Curtis Stone
5.30 Mysteries At The Museum

THREE

5pm Millionaire Hot Seat
6pm NewsHub Live At 6pm
7pm The Project
7.30 Bondi Rescue
 Trainee lifeguard Jessie has an accident while out surfing.
8pm Bondi Rescue
 When a bag thief is caught, the oldest member of the team is put through his paces.
8.30 Emergency M
 Security tackles a violent man trying to smear blood onto staff; Dr Jonathan's patient was not wearing a seatbelt, but is more worried about what her father will say about the car.
9.25 Hawaii Five-0 M
 While investigating Flippa's friend's murder, McGarrett and Grover discover a plan by an extremist group, and Grover has an emotional reaction to the case.
10.20 NewsHub Late
10.50 SVU 16
11.45 Infomercials
THURSDAY
5am Infomercials
6am The AM Show
9am The Café PG
10am Infomercials
11.30 Face The Truth PG
Noon Dr Phil PG (Part 1)
1pm MOVIE Cruel Fixation M
 2019 Thriller. Karistina Klebe, Sebastian Cabanas, Tanner Buchanan.
2.55 Restoration Man PG
4pm The Fishing Show Classics PG
4.30 NewsHub Live At 4:30pm
5pm Millionaire Hot Seat

PRIME

5pm Frasier PG
5.30 Prime News
6pm SkySpeed
6.30 Storage Hunters PG
7pm The Crowd Goes Wild
7.30 Tough As Nails PGC
 Teams Savage Crew and Dirty Hands compete to win the overall team prize.
8.30 JK's Japan PGVC
 Sir John Kirwan, who spent 10 years playing and coaching rugby in Japan, returns to revisit his favourite places, catch up with old mates, and experience things he never got to do.
9.30 Weediquette 16C
10.30 Motorsport: D1NZ National Drifting Championship (HLS) Round Four.
11.40 The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
THURSDAY
12.40 The Crowd Goes Wild
1.10 Closedown
6am Jeopardy
6.25 Top Wing
6.50 Butterbean's Café
7.15 Double Dare
7.40 Danger Mouse
8.05 The Moe Show
8.35 Batman: The Animated Series
9am A Place In The Sun
10am The Doctors PGC
11am The Nineties PGC
Noon Hot Bench PG
12.30 FINAL Brian Johnson's A Life On The Road PG
1.30 Married... With Children PGL
2pm The Late Show With Stephen Colbert PG
3pm Wheel Of Fortune
3.30 Jeopardy
4pm American Pickers PG
5pm Frasier PG
5.30 Prime News

MAORI TV

5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Kia Mau
5.30 Takoha
5.40 Te Nubute
5.50 ZooMoo
6pm Kai Safari
6.30 Te Ao Marama
7.30 The Outliers PG
8pm Ahikaroa MLC
8.30 Alien Weaponry M
8.55 Aroha Noa
9.30 Taringa
10.20 Senior Kapa Haka Regionals
10.50 Whakatauki
11.20 Closedown
THURSDAY
6.30 Pipi Ma
6.35 Takaro Tribe
6.50 Kia Mau
7am Te Ao Tapatahi
8am Takoha
8.10 Te Nubute
8.20 ZooMoo
8.30 Darwin + Newts
8.40 Purakau
8.50 Paia
9am Whanau Bake-Off
9.30 Opaki
10am Whakatauki
10.30 Whanau Living
11am Huia Rau
Noon #whiuatepatai ML
12.30 Nga Pari Karangaranga O Te Motu
1.30 Ako
2pm Toku Reo
2.30 Toku Reo
3pm Korero Mai
3.30 Pukuhohe
4pm Te Mana Kuratahi
4.30 Wiki Ha
5pm Pipi Ma
5.05 Takaro Tribe
5.20 Kia Mau
5.30 Takoha
5.40 Te Nubute
5.50 ZooMoo



Emergency
8.30pm on Three



JK's Japan
8.30pm on Prime



Chasing Monsters
9.30pm on Choice

RNZ NATIONAL

5pm Checkpoint
 News and current affairs programme.
6.30 Trending Now
 Programme highlighting the RNZ stories people are sharing online.
7.06 Nights With Bryan Crump.
10pm News At Ten
 A roundup of today's news and sport.
10.15 Lately With Karyn Hay.
11.04 Inside Out
 With Nick Tipping.
THURSDAY
12.04 All Night Programme
5am First Up **6am Morning Report**
9.06 Nine To Noon
10.45 The Reading
Noon Midday Report
1.06 Afternoons
4.06 The Panel
5pm Checkpoint

SKY SPORT 1

5pm Gallagher Premiership Cup (HLS)
5.30 Super Rugby Australia (HLS)
6pm The Breakdown
7pm First XV Rugby Revision
7.30 Farah Palmer Cup Highlights Show
8pm Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
8.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
9pm Super Rugby Australia (HLS)
9.30 Gallagher Premiership Cup (HLS)
10pm Shute Shield (RPL)
THURSDAY
12am First XV Rugby Revision
12.30 Farah Palmer Cup Highlights Show
1am Farah Palmer Cup (RPL) Canterbury v Otago.
3am Farah Palmer Cup (RPL) Manawatu v Tasman.
5am The Breakdown
6am First XV Rugby Revision
6.30 Farah Palmer Cup Highlights Show
7am Gallagher Premiership Cup (HLS)
7.30 Super Rugby Australia (HLS)
8am The Breakdown
9am First XV Rugby Revision
9.30 Farah Palmer Cup Highlights Show (HLS)
10am Skipper Cup (RPL)
Noon Shute Shield (RPL)
2pm First XV Rugby Revision
2.30 Rugby Nation
3.30 The Breakdown
4.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
5pm Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)
5.30 Mitre 10 Cup (HLS)

SKY 5

5pm Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PG
6pm Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away MVL
7pm The Force MC
7.30 NCIS: LA MV
8.30 CSI MV
9.30 Criminal Minds 16VS
10.30 CSI: Cyber MV
11.15 CSI: Cyber MV
THURSDAY
12.05 Survivor: Worlds Apart PG
12.55 Wheel Of Fortune
1.20 Jeopardy!
1.40 The Force MC
2.05 Criminal Minds 16VS
2.50 CSI MV
3.40 NCIS MV
4.25 Hardcore Pawn PGL
4.50 NCIS: LA MV
5.35 The Simpsons PG
6am Jeopardy!
6.25 Wheel Of Fortune
6.45 The Simpsons PG
7.10 Survivor: Worlds Apart PG
8am The Force MC
8.25 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away MVL
9.15 Hardcore Pawn PGL
9.40 NCIS: LA MV
10.25 NCIS MV
11.10 Survivor: Worlds Apart PG
Noon Jeopardy!
12.25 Wheel Of Fortune
12.50 CSI MV
1.40 Criminal Minds 16VS
2.25 NCIS: LA MV
3.10 Survivor: Worlds Apart PG
4pm The Simpsons PG
4.30 Jeopardy!
5pm Wheel Of Fortune
5.30 Hardcore Pawn PG

MOVIES PREMIERE

5.20 The Catcher Was A Spy MVLS 2018 Drama. Paul Rudd, Mark Strong.
6.55 Drunk Parents MVLS 2019 Comedy. Alec Baldwin, Salma Hayek.
8.30 The Courier 16VL 2019 Action. A crime boss hires a female motorcycle rider to unknowingly transport a bomb set to kill one of his enemies. Olga Kurylenko, Gary Oldman.
10.10 Cold Pursuit 16VLS 2019 Action. Liam Neeson, Laura Dern.
THURSDAY
12.05 The Sisters Brothers 16VLS 2018 Drama. John C Reilly, Joaquin Phoenix.
2.05 The Possession Of Hannah Grace 16VC 2018 Horror.
3.28 Instant Family M 2019 Comedy.
5.22 Elvis Goes There: Paul Feig MC 2019 Documentary.
6.10 The Catcher Was A Spy MVLS 2018 Drama.
7.42 Drunk Parents MVLS 2019 Comedy.
9.16 The Courier 16VL 2019 Action.
10.55 Cold Pursuit 16VLS 2019 Action.
12.50 The Sisters Brothers 16VLS 2018 Drama.
2.50 47 Metres Down: Uncaged MC 2019 Adventure.
4.20 Papillon 16VL 2019 Drama.

DISCOVERY

5.40 Railroad Australia PG
6.35 Aussie Lobster Men PG
7.30 Deadliest Catch PG
8.30 Aussie Lobster Men PG
9.25 Aussie Gold Hunters PG
10.15 Moonshiners: Master Distiller MLC Moonshine of Mexico.
11.05 Naked And Afraid MC You've Got Another Sting Coming.
11.55 How It's Made PG
THURSDAY
12.20 How Do They Do It? PG
12.45 Car Crash Global Caught On Camera PG
1.35 Gold Rush PG
2.25 Moonshiners MVL
3.15 Gold Rush: Parker's Trail PG
4.05 Strange Evidence PG
4.55 Naked And Afraid M
5.45 Gold Rush PG
6.35 Fast N' Loud PG Jacked-Up Jeep.
7.30 Strange Evidence PG Return of the Witch.
8.20 Deadliest Catch PG
9.10 Aussie Lobster Men PG
10am How Do They Do It? PG
10.25 How Do They Do It? PG
10.50 How It's Made PG
11.15 How It's Made PG
11.40 Railroad Australia PG
12.30 Web Of Lies MVLS Searching for Mr Wrong.
1.20 Evil Kin MVLS
2.10 Top Gear
3pm Gold Rush: Parker's Trail PG
3.50 Gold Rush PG
4.45 Fast N' Loud PG
5.40 Railroad Australia PG

Woodville Pahiatua races at Woodville Thursday Jetbet 4 TAB D. 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 T. 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9, 10-11-12 Q. 2-3-4-5, 9-10-11-12 PL6 7-12

Selections
Race 1: OUR CUZZIE, DOUBLE ACT, A'NOOD DUDE
Race 2: OBRIGADO, MONKEY TOWN, AVE MARIA
Race 3: THE COSSACK, RELDA, CLASSCLOWN
Race 4: REGAL RIPA, MULTI SHOW, NUHAKA
Race 5: VICTOREM, EXQUISITE PEARL, MEG
Race 6: MANDALORIAN, OUTA CASH, NANCY SPAIN
Race 7: STEPTOE, IF YOU DANCE, OSO SAVVY
Race 8: BELLISSIMO, ONE PRIZE ONE GOAL, TONADILLAS
Race 9: LITTLE UZI, BELLA NERO, WAY ABOVE
Race 10: SHOWSHANELLE, SMOKEY AFFAIR, BAE CORP
Race 11: JAKKANO, SPIJKER, EDDIE'S DREAM
Race 12: MISS FALVELON, PIRI PIRI PETE, MANHATTEN AFFAIR

1 All Diamonds Syndicate 11.16

\$10,000, maiden, 2200m
1 242 Our Cuzzie (5) 58.5 54 S J Macnab (a1)
2 6s253 Raucous (14) 58.5 53 C Burdan (a2)
3 53674 Kion (15) 58.5 52 J Fawcett (a1)
4 9s434 A'nood Dude (10) 58.5 51 D Johnson
5 s0380 Derecho (1) 58.5 51 S McKay
6 0s446 Rohan (9) 58.5 49
7 49 Sanlorenzo (8) 58.5 49 T Allan
8 s0485 Double Act (3) 58.5 48 S O'Malley (a3)
9 Ps7PP Chocolate Fish (2) 58.5 47 R Elliot
10 08P Ritesaidzed (16) 58.5 45 R J Bishop
11 5s806 Theitheavyweight (4) 58.5 45 J Riddell
12 80s2 Flying Habit (12) 56.5 52 R Myers
13 24447 Great North Road (6) 56.5 51
14 07 Zedbra (13) 56.5 45 H Schofer (a3)
15 96s8P Nighttronic (7) 58.5 45 D Bradley
16 s8677 Dundee Street (11) 58.5 45

2 Caltex Woodville 11.46

\$11,000, rating 74 benchmark, 2200m
1 31s00 Italian Lover (2) 60.5 79 R Myers
2 0s031 O'brigado (14) 58 70 S O'Malley (a3)
3 51s20 Beached As Bro (15) 57 68 D Johnson
4 04055 Sea Star (18) 55.5 65 M K Hudson (a3)
5 903P3 Zartan (11) 55.5 65 J Fawcett (a1)
6 311F2 Ave Maria (5) 55 68 S J Macnab (a1)
7 8s861 Monkey Town (13) 54 62 R J Bishop
8 3s546 No Tip (17) 54 62 C Burdan (a2)
9 7s010 Call Me Jack (16) 54 61 J Bassett (a4)
10 s9882 Ekstrememiss (10) 54 61 S McKay
11 s2704 Finding Nemo (3) 54 60 L Hemi
12 00s70 Rex Royale (7) 54 57
13 000s6 Brian Boru (4) 54 56 S Collett
14 s0505 Party At Paroa (1) 54 56
EMERGENCIES:
15 — The Cossack SCRATCHED

3 New Central Motor Inn 12.16

\$11,000, rating 74 benchmark, 2200m
1 9218s Carnaby (5) 59 67 S O'Malley (a3)
2 96477 Cape Du Jeu (2) 58.5 70 S McKay
3 s5721 Facetime (12) 58.5 70 S J Macnab (a1)
4 s8220 Jump For Joy (17) 58.5 70 L Hemi
5 28s42 Classclown (14) 58 65 J Parkes
6 08410 Deuce Coupe (13) 57 67 R Myers
7 s0470 Hamiltonian (7) 57 63 J Fawcett (a1)
8 230s7 Shakespeare (11) 56.5 62 S Collett
9 s2661 Relda (1) 55.5 64 C Burdan (a2)
10 61s78 Mr Jimmy Pocket (9) 55.5 60 T Thornton
11 — Razors Edge SCRATCHED
12 s0003 Zena Belle (15) 54 60 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)

13 06630 Em Kay Pops (3) 54 56 M K Hudson (a3)

14 0s300 Maidstone Park (16) 54 55
EMERGENCIES:
15 2s211 The Cossack (18) 54 55 D Hirini
16 4s867 My Tommy (8) 54 55
17 0s889 Shanpark (6) 54 55
18 s08LP Wonder Lass (4) 54 55
19 s0099 Young Squire (10) 54 55

4 NZB Ins Pearl Series Race 12.51

\$10,000, maiden, 1100m
1 — Keen To Run SCRATCHED
2 4 Multi Show (3) 58.5 50 C Burdan (a2)
3 Lock Up (12) 58.5 47 S Collett
4 Nuhaka (7) 58.5 47 J Parkes
5 s557s Batoutahell (14) 58.5 46
6 Pin Up Boy (10) 58.5 46 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)

7 6s332 Eagle County (2) 56.5 54 D Bradley
8 62332 Thatz Daisy (16) 56.5 54 R J Bishop
9 5752s Glide Queen (13) 56.5 52 S McKay
10 2 Regal Ripa (5) 56.5 52 L Hemi
11 Kaitlin Rose (1) 56.5 45
12 4 Once Bitten (15) 54 50 T Allan
13 Bonham (4) 54 47 R Myers
14 Reigning Cash (6) 54 47 D Johnson

5 Netherton Station 1.26

\$10,000, maiden 3yo, 1200m
1 — Arklow SCRATCHED
2 5s Bradman (14) 57.5 47 S McKay
3 5 Tequila Spirit (8) 57.5 47 J Parkes
EMERGENCIES:
15 Proud Mary (18) 56.5 45
16 0 Candy O'Ceirin (9) 56.5 45
17 8s Not Usual Grace (17) 58.5 45
18 80s87 Judith (8) 56.5 45
19 00s9 Inconceivable (11) 58.5 45

6 Haka Boogie (13) 57.5 46 S Collett

5 50s0s Ronin Porotene (9) 57.5 46 S J Macnab (a1)
6 3 Exquisite Pearl (1) 55.5 51 L Hemi
7 5s026 True Blessing (7) 55.5 51 A Goindasamy (a2)
8 3s Victorem (5) 55.5 51 T Thornton
9 0300 No Rock No Pop (11) 55.5 50 J Fawcett (a1)
10 5 Signora Nera (10) 55.5 47
11 La Bellarina (3) 55.5 45
12 Meg (12) 55.5 45 R Myers
13 Melodious (2) 55.5 45 D Johnson
14 Red Star (6) 55.5 45

EMERGENCIES: 15 9 Town Belt (4) 55.5 45 R J Bishop

16 — Reigning Cash SCRATCHED

6 John & Natalie Mabey 2.01

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1200m
1 229s3 Mohaka (11) 60 69 J Parkes
2 65043 Ottavio (17) 60 65 R Elliot
3 1 Mandalorian (6) 59 63 S Collett
4 0342s Streak Of Power (8) 59 63 L Hemi
5 4s641 Outa Cash (18) 58.5 62 S O'Malley (a3)
6 22130 Empire Of Patch (2) 58 61 J Riddell
7 0s150 Fattore Otto (10) 58 61
8 s056s Here We Go (15) 57.5 64 H Schofer (a3)
9 31 Nancy Spain (12) 57 63
10 — Reiko SCRATCHED
11 1643s Got The Call (13) 56.5 62 M K Hudson (a3)

12 2s156 Hydroexpress (16) 56.5 62 S J Macnab (a1)

13 67s0s Power 'n' Passion (4) 56.5 62 R J Bishop
14 s0839 Play The Field (7) 56 61
EMERGENCIES:
15 99s49 Vino Bella (3) 56 61 D Johnson
16 3990s Far Site (5) 56 61
17 37909 Justa Small Ransom (1) 56 61
18 21s87 Magness (9) 57 60
19 14785 This Lady Rocks (14) 55.5 60
20 — Ruie's Crumpet SCRATCHED

7 Merrylees Hotel 2.36

\$10,000, maiden, 1400m
1 4632 If You Dance (4) 58.5 53 S O'Malley (a3)
2 06s35 Carpe Diem (2) 58.5 51 D Bradley
3 2s8 Cross Roads (18) 58.5 51 S Collett
4 8s893 King Kaide (5) 58.5 51 T Thornton
5 3 Oso Savvy (17) 58.5 51 D Johnson
6 3 Stepto (14) 58.5 51 S J Macnab (a1)
7 64 Levon (10) 58.5 50 J Riddell
8 8s Mitchell (3) 58.5 47 C Burdan (a2)
9 5s Overboard (6) 58.5 47 L Hemi
10 — Shadow Warrior SCRATCHED
11 57 Donegal (11) 58.5 46
12 0s873 Irish Prayer (15) 56.5 51 D Hirini
13 6547s La Strata (13) 56.5 49 R Myers

14 57s Alpine Charm (7) 56.5 46 J Parkes

EMERGENCIES:
15 77750 Hermes (16) 56.5 46 T Allan
16 Sir Brig O' Doon (8) 58.5 45
17 The Blisksem (9) 56.5 45
18 Lucky Viking (1) 58.5 45
19 — Bold-Bette SCRATCHED
20 s679s Western Girl (12) 56.5 45

8 Kem Keene Memorial 3.11

\$16,000, rating 74 benchmark, 1400m
1 s4470 Tabard (14) 61 76 S J Macnab (a1)
2 35670 Casquinman (11) 60 74 S O'Malley (a3)
3 s8478 Awatane (2) 59 72 E McCall (a3)
4 89s81 Tonadillas (16) 57.5 69 S Collett
5 09862 Saignon (1) 57 72 R Elliot
6 43878 Armaguard (5) 57 68 M K Hudson (a3)
7 s0530 Atenartin (8) 57 68 S McKay
8 5s081 One Prize One Goal (9) 56.5 67 T Thornton

9 9908s Batchelor Babe (7) 56 70 H Schofer (a3)

10 81s00 Magic Incanto (4) 56 70 J Parkes
11 s9221 Bellissimo (12) 55 68 M J Sanson (a4)
12 3025s Marietta Lane (15) 55 68 D Johnson
13 46679 Showmeware (10) 54.5 67 D Hirini
14 1s47s I Got A Rock (13) 54 66 C Burdan (a2)
EMERGENCIES:
15 455s0 Thomas Aquinas (6) 55.5 65
16 08009 Brother One (3) 54 58

9 Wenham Grain & Seed 3.46

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m
1 5441 Little Uzi (13) 59 63 J Riddell
2 s0280 Kahu Rock (6) 58.5 62 S Collett
3 s6713 Way Above (2) 58.5 62 S J Macnab (a1)
4 05800 Hinepara (19) 58 65 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)
5 05810 After You (8) 58 61
6 120s Miss Woburn (18) 57.5 64 R Myers
7 14s97 Yeah Right (11) 57.5 60 S O'Malley (a3)
8 9s458 Yossarian (1) 57.5 60 H Schofer (a3)
9 8023s Deep Blue (10) 57 59 T Allan
10 7s103 Miss Maple (15) 56.5 62 L Hemi
11 s809s Magic Ivan (14) 56.5 58 S McKay
12 2s800 Rising Ransom (20) 56 57 D Johnson
13 055s6 Rock With Choux (16) 56 57 T Thornton
14 2s603 Bella Nero (17) 55 59 D Bradley

EMERGENCIES: 15 s0059 Stormy Habit (7) 55.5 56 E McCall (a3)

16 4s867 My Tommy (4) 55 55
17 89s77 Prince Turbo (9) 55 55
18 0s889 Shanpark (5) 55 55
19 09s00 Miss Freelove (12) 54 55
20 s0099 Young Squire (3) 55 55

10 Saddle Road Mile 4.21

\$10,000, rating 65 benchmark*, 1600m
1 471 Smokey Affair (9) 59 63 S O'Malley (a3)
2 3185s Resolution (6) 58.5 62 J Riddell
3 12s00 Fishermans Blues (17) 58 61 R Myers
4 9s048 Miss Sher Nan (8) 57.5 64 D Bradley

Winton harness at Winton Thursday Jetbet 7 TAB D. 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 T. 1-2-3, 5-6-7, 9-10-11 Q. 2-3-4-5, 8-9-10-11 PL6 6-11

Selections
Race 1: SAGE TROUBLE, KIWI CRUSHER, MISS BAMBOOCHA
Race 2: MAN I'M GOOD, MAJOR MENACE, MACK SHEER
Race 3: CARRERA BELLE, ADHARA, ALLABOUT TIME
Race 4: SPORTSCAM, THE KINGSMAN, NGAROMA
Race 5: HER MAJESTY, GLENLEDI CAPTAIN, LECONTE
Race 6: NEVELLI FRANCO, BARDOT, BETTER GALLEON
Race 7: HELLUVA WAY, WILLANGUS LAD, JANNAH JACKKA
Race 8: NOTA BENE DENARIO, PEARL HARBOUR, BRIDESDALE ROBYN
Race 9: BRIGHTEST MOMENT, IVANA LEGACY, FRANCO HUNTINGTON
Race 10: RYDGEOMONT MILLY, ZONED SCARLETT, KING CASSIDY
Race 11: TAD LINCOLN, THE NIGHT WATCHMAN, OPAWA MACH

1 Winton Workouts Trot 12.33

\$9000, r48-r58, mobile, 1609m
1 9300s Jackka George (Fr) 1 B Williamson
2 02972 Miss Bamboocha (Fr) 2 R McIlwrick
3 35326 Count Eyre (Fr) 3 J Cox
4 92821 Sage Trouble (Fr) 4 M Hurrell (J)
5 3D687 Only One Way (Fr) 5 M Williamson
6 67524 Kiwi Crusher (Fr) 6 B Barclay
7 1900 Madrik (Fr) U1 K Barclay

2 Alister Kyle Builder Pace 1.08

\$7000, r40-r45, mobile, 2400m
1 53323 Mighty George (Fr) 1 E Barron (J)
2 23382 Man I'm Good (Fr) 2 A Kyle
3 76944 Major Menace (Fr) 3 N Williamson
4 80296 Kagee VC (Fr) 4 J Morrison (J)
5 09860 Lady's Lass (Fr) 5 T Robertson

6 07008 Mack Sheer (Fr) 6 R McIlwrick
7 39275 Matrika (Fr) 7 B Orange
8 s7680 Lock It In Eddie (Fr) 8 B Williamson
9 5s299 Ripsnorter (Fr) 21 B Barclay
10 22P57 Annie Fitz (Fr) 22 M Hurrell (J)
11 78609 Indulgence (Fr) 23 M Williamson
12 76227 Swift Robyn (Fr) 24 K Tomlinson (J)
13 08s00 My Nikayla (Em1) (Fr) 25 A Armour
14 60267 I'm Jimmy James (Fr) 26 J Cox
15 — To-Ri Caitlin SCRATCHED

3 Sweet Lou At Woodlands 1.43

\$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ f&m, mobile, 1609m
1 255 Roll With Eunice (Fr) 1 B Barclay
2 2s504 Betancourt (Fr) 2 S O'Reilly (J)
3 s3376 Insarchatwist (Fr) 3 M Hurrell (J)
4 Carrera Belle (Fr) 4 J Cox
5 Allabout Time (Fr) 5 K Barclay
6 9 Expressive Love (Fr) 6 B Orange
7 s095s Arizona Doll (Fr) 7 J Morrison (J)
8 7 Emma Stone (Fr) 8 P Hunter
9 0s003 Jaffie J (Fr) 21 B Williamson
10 Adhara (Fr) 22 M Williamson
11 3s4 Dress Code (Fr) 23 S Tomlinson (J)
12 s6639 Maya Angelou (Em1) (Fr) 24 K Tomlinson (J)
13 Fs788 Sweet Chili (Fr) 25 M Williamson
14 s8500 Pretty Azz (Fr) U1 R McIlwrick

4 Regent Car Court Pace 2.18

\$10,000, non-winners 3yo+ mr47 to mr50, mobile, 2400m
1 SportsCam (Fr) 1 J Cox
2 The Kingsman (Fr) 2 R Swain
3 354s2 Mach Quilian (Fr) 3 N Williamson
4 0200s New York Man (Fr) 4 S Tomlinson (J)
5 Ngaroma (Fr) 5 M Williamson
6 8s Gayle Force (Fr) 6 C Thornley
7 5786 Dancingformoney (Fr) 7 J Morrison (J)

8 09 Big Bay (Fr) 8 B Orange
9 5 Belle's Boy (Fr) 21 B Wallace
10 3s327 Shards N Fury (Fr) 22 B Barclay
11 03 Stars N Bars (Fr) 23 K Barclay
12 0s7 Beta Than Love (Fr) 24 (J)
13 02 Sentry (Fr) 25 R McIlwrick
14 Port Au Prince (Fr) 26 P Hunter

5 Downbytheseaside At Stud 2.53

\$8000, up to mr47, mobile, 2400m
1 34326 Racing Minister (Fr) 1 J Morrison (J)
2 — Paddy Finn SCRATCHED
3 49672 Her Majesty (Fr) 2 K Barclay
4 8322s Glenledi Captain (Fr) 3 P Hunter
5 s5797 Boilover (Fr) 4 B Orange
6 80s9s Mickey Fitz (Fr) 5 J Campbell (J)
7 8s908 Sly Tricks (Fr) 6 A Armour
8 5576s Tartan Roxy (Fr) 7 N Williamson
9 45452 Leconte (Fr) 21 S Tomlinson (J)
10 s6639 Maya Angelou (Fr) 22 (J)
11 65856 A Rocknroll Maid (Fr) 23 (J)
12 48394 Alexis Rocket (Fr) 24 B Barclay
13 87s00 Taumalolo (Fr) 25 M Williamson
14 09060 Kennington Girl (Fr) U1 T Robertson

6 Bettors Delight At Stud 3.28

\$8000, 3yo+ f&m r48-r59, mobile, 1609m
1 — My Nikayla SCRATCHED
2 82s33 Bunter's Dream (Fr) 1 K Tomlinson (J)
3 s7123 Sweet Time (Fr) 2 E Barron (J)
4 01347 Star Of Timpany (Fr) 3 S O'Reilly (J)
5 75001 Nevelli Franco (Fr) 4 (J)
6 32322 American Eyretime (Fr) 5 B Barclay
7 80001 Bardot (Fr) 6 N Williamson
8 43941 Better Galleon (Fr) 7 J Morrison (J)
9 56561 Jody Direen (Fr) 21 K Barclay
10 5s315 Sweet Lizzie (Fr) 22 B Orange

7 Gold Chip Final Hcp Trot 4.02

\$12,000, non-winners & up-r53 special handicap stand, 2400m

1 3353s Midnight Memories (Fr) 1 A Beck
2 20242 Jannah Jackka (Fr) 2 B Barclay
3 4039 Sacred Mountain (Fr) 3 B Norman
4 02480 It's Summertime (Fr) 4
5 49630 Maranatha Atlas (Fr) U1 B Orange
6 370s3 Willangus Lad (Fr) U2 J Morrison (J)
7 0s000 The Night Sweats (20) 1 R Swain
8 32465 Maudarchy (20) 2 S Tomlinson (J)
9 83327 The Peaky Blinder (20) 3 N Williamson
10 53461 Cody Banner (20) 4 M Williamson
11 48566 Miss Jessica (20) 5 T Robertson
12 64930 South Park (20) 6 P Hunter
13 95009 Svelt (20) 7 A Armour
14 41217 Jaguar Bay (20) U1 B Williamson
15 9s053 Helluva Way (20) U2 K Barclay
16 87544 Mr Olympus (20) U3 R McIlwrick

8 Mitre 10 Winton Pace 4.32

\$10,000, r60-r80, mobile, 1609m
1 73696 Shillelagh (Fr) 1 S O'Reilly (J)
2 77548 Nemera Franco (Fr) 2 C Thornley
3 23485 Dachy (Fr) 3 S Tomlinson (J)
4 s9514 Hilarious Prince (Fr) 4 B Orange
5 538s3 Bridesdale Robyn (Fr) 5 M Hurrell (J)
6 6110s Pearl Harbour (Fr) 6 B Barclay
7 18313 Nota Bene Denario (Fr) 7 (J)
8 4sP46 Franco Santino (Fr) 8 N Williamson

9 Lather Up At Woodlands 5.01

\$8500, r53-r57, mobile, 2400m
1 5213P Toby O'Gara (Fr) 1 N Williamson
2 83543 Franco Huntington (Fr) 2 J Morrison (J)
3 583s4 Hurricane Banner (Fr) 3 S Tomlinson (J)
4 1126s Black Ops (Fr) 4 A Beck
5 70719 Airwaves (Fr) 5 B Williamson
6 s8132 Brightest Moment (Fr) 6 M Hurrell (J)
7 902s8 Rah De Rah (Fr) 7 J Cox

5 6212 Wee Dram (12) 57.5 64 J Fawcett (a1)
6 4125s Nod (11) 57 63 S Collett
7 s8651 Showshanelle (16) 57 63 S McKay
8 16 Mogador (7) 56.5 63 J Parkes
9 38F85 Donardo (19) 56.5 58 M J Sanson (a4)
10 s6326 Tiro (18) 56.5 58 D Johnson
11 0s855 Bae Corp (14) 55.5 60 T Thornton
12 0s093 Porotene Charm (20) 55.5 60 S J Macnab (a1)

13 62209 That's Funny (10) 55.5 60 L Hemi

14 s0789 Full Swing (1) 54 57 D Hirini
EMERGENCIES:
15 s0059 Stormy Habit (4) 55.5 56 E McCall (a3)
16 4s867 My Tommy (15) 55 55
17 89s77 Prince Turbo (3) 55 55
18 0s889 Shanpark (5) 55 55
19 09s00 Miss Freelove (2) 54 55
20 s0099 Young Squire (13) 55 55

11 Meat Company Dannevirke 4.51

\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 7s324 Spijker (12) 58.5 53 R Myers
2 63 Eddie's Dream (10) 58.5 51 D Bradley
3 5s627 Red Sunday (7) 58.5 51 J Parkes
4 724s0 Scherzo (2) 58.5 51 D Johnson
5 640 Lizzed (15) 58.5 49 J Riddell
6 73s00 Royal Inn (6) 58.5 49 R J Bishop
7 90 Barossa (8) 58.5 47 S McKay
8 s8677 Dundee Street (11) 58.5 45
9 s0s0s Senzabeel (9) 58.5 45 T Thornton
10 6s2 Jakkano (3) 56.5 52 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)
11 6s303 Canucia (1) 56.5 51 C Burdan (a2)
12 565 Oriental Bay (13) 56.5 47 L Hemi
13 87 McGowan (4) 56.5 45
14 8s8 Nellie Jean (5) 56.5 45 S J Macnab (a1)

EMERGENCIES: 15 — Bella-Noche SCRATCHED

16 0s007 Nancees Gold (14) 56.5 45

12 Murray Contractors Mile 5.31

\$10,000, maiden, 1600m
1 s0576 Greystone (15) 58.5 51 S Collett
2 0s26 Piri Piri Pete (9) 58.5 51 S O'Malley (a3)
3 474 Foxsquillon (6) 58.5 50 D Johnson
4 0s Del Gordo (10) 58.5 46 D Bradley
5 98 All Class AI (11) 58.5 45 R J Bishop
6 70 Elusive Ace (3) 58.5 45
7 5s070 Nedwin (5) 58.5 45 J Riddell
8 s4323 Manhattan Affair (14) 56.5 54 Ashvin Mudhoo (a4)
9 22358 Smooth Cognac (8) 56.5 53 M K Hudson (a3)

10 6s43 Miss Falvelon (12) 56.5 51 J Parkes
11 2s795 Fagiolo Majico (13) 56.5 50 R Myers
12 s5307 Khaifani (1) 56.5 49 R Elliot
13 0 Countess Conti (2) 56.5 45 D Hirini
14 8 Vishakha (7) 54 45 L Hemi
EMERGENCIES:
15 — Bella-Noche SCRATCHED
16 0s007 Nancees Gold (4) 56.5 45

Cambridge greys at Waikato Thursday Jetbet 3 TAB Doubles 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Trebles 1-2-3, 4-5-6, 7-8-9 Quaddies 2-3-4-5, 6-7-8-9 Place6 4-9

Selections
Race 1: CARL SPACKLER, SIR YENS, PORTLAND DREAM
Race 2: VIBE, FORD MAN, WILD KIWI
Race 3: TANGO MISS, WAITERIMU RIPPER, MOBILITY SCOOTER
Race 4: FERNANDO CHARM, ZORO, THRILLING PEGGY
Race 5: THRILLING DORA, BEAU BEAU, GET ME HOME
Race 6: THRILLING HUDSON, CAPTAIN KEV, DUE TO BURN
Race 7: ALPINO, THEA WHO, MAX VOLUME
Race 8: FOREGO, BOTANY THOMMO, GRUNT
Race 9: AMARO, PORTLAND BERTY, THRILLING MORRIS

1 Captain Coultts NZ Sire 12.07

\$1450, C1, 375m
1 43234 Buggy Brown nwtwd W & T Steele
2 68872 Carl Spackler nwtwd R & L Udy
3 s6143 Sir Yens 21.77 K T Herbert
4 17183 Portland Dream 21.07 Tracey & Lisa Craik
5 65575 Award Winner nwtwd Thayne Green
6 58358 My Snuggles nwtwd Marsha Black
7 44654 Nexus 21.52 Glennis Farrell
8 87885 Flying Huey 21.37 Marsha Black

EMERGENCIES:
9 57778 Party Every Day 21.50 R & L Udy
10 88s78 Just William nwtwd Raewyn McPhee

2 Trilise WGRC Broodbitch 12.25

\$1685, C2, 375m
1 33624 Grey Way 21.30 Greg Pomeroy
2 22521 Ford Man 21.53 R & L Udy
3 17484 Jinja Might 21.04 Udy & Cottam
4 17552 Wild Kiwi 21.30 Udy & Cottam
5 58671 Vibe 21.54 Sean Codlin
6 23273 Quara's Yoshi nwtwd Paul Cleaver
7 72355 Kapai Stewie 21.29 W & T Steele
8 44676 Podium Phobia nwtwd Tracey & Lisa Craik
EMERGENCY:
9 38757 Double What nwtwd J & D Bell

3 Kn Walsh Leading Trainer 12.42

\$1450, C1, 375m
1 32122 Thrilling Hamish 21.28 Karen Walsh
2 82465 Jinja Lad 21.72 Raewyn McPhee
3 34482 Stay Rich 21.46 M & J Smith
4 46573 Mobility Scooter 21.20 Marsha Black
5 33847 Zipping Luther 21.30 J & D Bell
6 63256 My Bro Bobby nwtwd M Prangley
7 57774 Tango Miss 21.46 Greg Pomeroy
8 55583 Waiterimu Ripper 21.28 R & L Udy

EMERGENCIES:
9 57778 Party Every Day 21.50 R & L Udy
10 88s78 Just William nwtwd Raewyn McPhee

4 A Lawrence Owner-trainer 1.00

\$2035, C3, 375m
1 31212 Fernando Charm 21.28 Thayne Green
2 65867 Botany Wayne 21.22 Phil Green
3 12816 Always Dreaming 21.40 Glennis Farrell
4 48185 Portland Ecludn 21.22 Tracey & Lisa Craik
5 44344 Zoro 21.

STRONG SALE: Lane Bros Whangara Angus (pictured) and Ratanui Angus at Tauwhareparae sold 36 yearling bulls yesterday in their on-farm sales rostrums, and both studs were happy with the results.
Pictures by Paul Rickard



AgriHQ MARKET REPORT

Week beginning September 21

LAMB
Restaurant diners are now allowed back indoors in the US everywhere except New York City and some counties of California. This is a good thing considering that it will be getting too chilly for outdoor dining soon. But, indoor seating is limited to prevent disease spread and US restaurants are at breaking point trying to make ends meet with limited capacity. Restaurants in central business districts are particularly affected with office staff working from home. The National Restaurant Association estimates that 100,000, or nearly one in six US restaurants is permanently closed or on a long-term hiatus. This negatively impacts prices for meat cuts that are predominantly bought by restaurants, such as venison cut and frozen lamb racks. On the positive side, more consumers are purchasing lamb via retail outlets. This has boosted chilled lamb sales to the US. These consumers are taking notice of country of origin, particularly if they are trying to avoid meat from Covid-affected areas, and attributes such as grass-fed and antibiotic free.

Support for yearling bulls

by Murray Robertson

THE young bulls from Ratanui Angus and Lane Bros Whangara Angus sold well in their on-farm yearling auctions yesterday and Turihaua Angus put theirs up for sale this afternoon. Ratanui, in the Tauwhareparae Valley inland from Tolaga Bay, sold 19 young fellows for a top price of \$7500, and a sale average of \$4715. It was their first yearling sale and

studmaster Mel Story said they were pleased with the result. "We learned a lot from the sale about how we might go about it next season. "We are delighted with the result in what's been a tough year," Mel said. "Our bulls came through the season well and they presented well in the auction. "Overall it was a good family day, and we got a decent crowd to support us." Tauwharepare Farms purchased eight

of the Ratanui bulls. Lane Bros Whangara Angus sold 17 for a top price of \$5500, and an average of \$3767. "The bulls looked good, with genuinely low birth rates, ideal for heifer mating, and that's what our programme at Whangara is all about," said stud manager Robbie Kirkpatrick. A report on today's Turihaua yearling sale will be in Focus on the Land on Saturday.

BEEF
There was a softer tone in the US imported manufacturing beef market this week. US buyers have good supplies of domestic beef around them. Poor dairy returns and intensifying droughts in Utah, Arizona and New Mexico are set to boost the annual US cow kill which will only exacerbate the situation. A pessimistic outlook from buyers has put pressure on imported beef prices with bids coming in at US\$2.42/lb for 95CL and US\$2.15/lb for 90CL products. With New Zealand supplies at a minimum, exporters are in a good position to ignore these for now. The 95CL price indicator is sitting at US\$2.45/lb on minimal sales and the 90CL indicator is at US\$2.24/lb due to some competing sales to Canada. While prices are good for now, there is concern about this market when New Zealand supplies lift. Without strong competition from China, New Zealand will be at the mercy of the US market when our bull supply lifts. This may put some pressure on farmgate beef prices.



TOP PEN: Above left, this pen of six heavy prime lambs from the East Coast were a highlight in the small yarding at the weekly sheep sale at the Matawhero saleyards on Friday. They went for a solid \$186 a head. Just 187 animals were presented for sale that day, with prices steady for the prime stock. Picture by Trevor Brown
Above right: The students from Wainui Primary School had a ball last week when they spent the day at Pihitia Station at Turihaua, hosted by the Williams family and their helpers. Here, Josephine Lambert (left) and Klara Pauwels get to grips, literally, with a wool fleece. It was a great day all around. Picture by Paul Rickard

GRAIN
Last week the World Agriculture Supply and Demand (WASDE) report was released, with estimates of the coming year of grain harvest, along with livestock, poultry and dairy. The global wheat outlook for the coming year is for larger supplies, with Canada and Australia expected to post their second and third highest wheat harvest. Wheat consumption is expected to increase over the coming year too. Corn, soybeans and canola yields are expected to fall over the coming year, with weather being the primary factor for this reduction. Storms in the mid-west United States and drought conditions in Eastern Europe have impacted maize yields. China's imports for wheat and corn are expected to increase over the coming year as well, with many contracts for grains out of the US already confirmed.

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DEAD (M) WED 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 6.10pm, 8.10pm. THU 8.30pm
DIGIMON ADVENTURE: LAST EVOLUTION KIZUNA (PG) WED 5.20pm. THU 4.20pm
SAVAGE (R16) WED 1.40pm, 3.50pm, 6pm, 8.20pm. THU 1.50pm, 5.20pm, 8.40pm
AFTER WE COLLIDED (M) WED 5.50pm, 8.10pm. THU 4.10pm, 8.30pm
THE AUSTRALIAN DREAM (TBC) WED 3.30pm. LAST DAY!
THE NEW MUTANTS (M) WED 4pm, 8.10pm. THU 4.20pm
TENET (M) WED 2pm, 7.30pm. THU 2.20pm, 7.30pm
THIS TOWN (M) WED 1.30pm, 5.50pm. LAST DAY!
STARTING 24.9.20
THE WAR WITH GRANDPA (PG) THU 2.10pm, 6.25pm
THE SECRET GARDEN (PG) THU 12.10pm, 2.15pm
THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY (M) THU 2pm, 6.25pm, 8.40pm
CATS & DOGS 3: PAWS UNITE (G) THU 12noon, 4pm
ASTRO KID (PG) THU 12noon
PAW PATROL: JET TO THE RESCUE (G) THU 12.50pm
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Meetings

PAPAKOROKORO 4G
 MEETING OF LAND OWNERS
 Will be held on Monday 5th October 2020
 Patricia's Residence
 4 Pine Street at 10am
KAUPAPA:
 Forestry Proposal for use of our land
 Convenor
 Patricia Morrell

Meetings

WHETUMATARAU B29 TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Meeting Date Saturday 26th September 2020
 Venue
 33 Barribal Street
 Fitzroy
 New Plymouth
 Time: 1pm
AGENDA
 Karakia
 Apologies
 Minutes of last AGM
 Matters arising
 Financial report
 General business
 Karakia
For all enquiries contact secretary A. Morgan Ph 06 757 4720

Meetings

RONGOPAI MARAE AGM
On Sunday 4.10.20 10am
AGENDA:
 • Karakia
 • Welcome
 • Apologies
 • Minutes last AGM
 • Matters Arising
 • Treasurer's Report
 • Election Officers
 • Chairperson Marae
 • Secretary Marae
 • Treasurer
 • Mahaki Rep
 • Te Whanau a Kai Reps
 • General Business
 • Karakia
 Tom Witana, Treasurer
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Public Notices

WHENUA MAORI PROJECT
MEETING OF OWNERS
Sunday, October 4th, 2020
 (names in brackets have called the meeting)
Pakirikiri Marae: Establish a trust; appoint trustees; receive land use report & feasibility process.
 9am: Tokomaru K6A (Te Riu Raihania)
 9.10am: Tokomaru K7A (Te Riu Raihania)
 9.20am: Waihoa 1A (Te Aotaki Horomona Paku Pewhairangi)

Te Kiekie Marae: Establish a trust and appoint trustees; receive land use report; discuss next steps.
 10.20am: Akuaku A4G1B (Frances Tibble Cutter)
 10.30am: Akuaku A6B2 (Francis Tibble Cutter)
 10.40am: Akuaku A7A3 (David Donnelly)
 10.50am: Ohineakai A4C3 (Dawn Brooking)
 11am: Waipiro A42A2 (Ritchie Harrison)
 11.10am: Waipiro Maori Townships 1-3 Blk V (Barbara Wharehinga)

Penu Marae: Establish a trust; appoint trustees; receive land use report & feasibility process.
 1pm: Ahiateatua A11B2 (Liz Ngarimu)
 1.10pm: Kopuatarakihi 2B2 & 2C (Liz Ngarimu)
 1.20pm: Totaranui A34 & A4 (Arthur & Christine Baker) - Set aside land as a Maori Reservation.
 1.30pm: Matarau B7 (Ritchie Harrison) Liz Ngarimu called the following meetings:
 1.40pm: Mangahauini 10B
 1.50pm: Waitangi Y2B1
 2pm: Ngamoe A8C
 2.10pm: Maungawaru 4
 2.20pm: Waipaoa 1A2
 2.30pm: Discuss feasibility report process with these blocks & Waitakaro C; Puhunga A12A; Mangatuna 18-20; Tapuaeroa C/ Hukanui; Mangarara 2A5A2.

Hinerupe Marae: Receive land use report; discuss feasibility report process and next steps.
 4pm: Whetumatarau B22 (Joe Kiwara) & Whetumatarau B5 (John Brooking).

For more information or queries from land owners or trustees please email willie.teaho@icsolutions.co.nz or text 021 768 462.

Meetings

PBCA AGM
Thursday, October 1, 6.30pm
 Sports House
 74 Grey Street
AGENDA:
 Apologies
 Minutes of previous AGM
 Revised Constitution
 Annual Reports
 Election of Officers
 General Business

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Meetings

MANGAOTANE FARM TRUST
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at:
Waikanae Surf Lifesaving Club
Grey Street, Gisborne
On THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2020 at 10.30am
 Election of two trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement by rotation of:-
 Manaaki Terekia
 LeRoy Pardoe
 Who being eligible offer themselves for re-election, and are automatically nominated and **one Trustee required to fill a Trustee vacancy due to the sad passing of Henare Lardelli.**
 Full notice of the AGM Agenda can be picked up from:
AGFIRST
Level 1, Marina View
6 Reads Quay, Gisborne
Phone 868 4144
Email: jackie.hudson@agfirst.co.nz
 Hayden Swann
CHAIRMAN

Situations Vacant

Turanga Health
Turanga Health is an Iwi based health provider in Turanganui a Kiwa servicing the tribal boundaries of Ngai Tamanuhiri, Te Aitanga a Mahaki and Rongowhakaata.
 We currently have two vacancies for registered nurses to work alongside other clinical and non-clinical kaimahi providing service delivery in an integrated way to the whanau of Turanga.
Registered Nurse – Community up to 40 hrs per week
 This registered nurse role is to provide nursing services, including but not limited to, assessments, whānau plans, management and treatment of registered whanau. The person in the role will also review, evaluate and make referrals where appropriate to other internal and external services. Turanga Health has an integrated approach to service delivery so the person in this role will be a part of a wider team where whānau wellbeing is a priority.
ETER Clinical Coordinator (Mama and Pepi) 20 hrs per week
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Around the Greens Club bowls news

Poverty Bay

CONGRATULATIONS go to Otto Louw and Andrew Ball for winning the men's junior club championship pairs on Saturday.

A two-life system was used and they did not have it all their own way as Dawson Owen and John Andrew won the first game convincingly 12-7.

In the second game, Louw and Ball changed positions. Ball played as skip and this proved to be just what was needed, as they went on to easily win the next game and then the final, 14-4.

Four teams took part in the women's draw, with the honours going to Robyn Arthur and Norma Miller. They won the championship with their two lives intact.

In the provisional final, Kathryn Flaugere and new bowler Jacquie Mills gave Arthur and Miller a run for their money when they took a 10-5 lead with three ends to play.

Going into the last end, one point separated them. However, Arthur and Miller picked up shots to take the game 12-10 and the women's junior pairs title.

The other two women's teams played extremely well, the skips taking new bowlers Kandyce Bevan and Win Baker as their leads. Although the newbies still have a lot to learn, they played some great shots, which bodes well for the future of bowls at the Poverty Bay Bowling Club.

MEMBERS from other clubs joined Poverty Bay to enable 16 teams — 64 players — to compete in the Abraham Plate Mixed Graded Fours.

With its being a graded competition, skips were required to include a new player, which is a great way to expose them to competition.

The tournament was run over a full day with four 90-minute games.

The winners, with four wins, were Marilyn Knowles (skip),



Kahutia junior men's championship pairs winners Ray Young (left) and Willy Murray.

Bruce Ball (three), Andrew Ball (two) and Otto Louw (lead).

Two teams had three wins so second and third places were decided on ends won. The runners-up were Val McGreevy (s), Lesley Seymour (three), Ron Seabrook (two) and John Andrews (l). They won 23 ends beating the third-placed team by one end. The third placegetters were Jan Powell (s), Erin Sutherland (three), Ray Young (two) and Win Baker (l).

Six teams had two wins but the team of Lyn Trueman (s), Diane Oates (three), Don Oates (two) and Ron Robertson (l), also had a draw so they were fourth.

The Abraham Plate was donated by Dawne Abraham, who presented the prizes.

Kahutia

CHAMPIONSHIP pairs were held over the weekend at Kahutia Bowling Club under a two-life system.

In the junior men's section four teams competed. The early rounds had some close competition.

Round 1: Willy Murray (skip) and Ray Young (lead) defeated Neville Wagner (s) and Kingi Stevens (l) 11-8; Allan Parker (s) and Frank McLoughlin (l) def Marty Ryan (s) and Chris



Kahutia senior men's championship pairs winners Steve Jenkins (left) and George Vaotuaa.

Hewson (l) 15-13.

Round 2: Murray/Young def Parker/McLoughlin 13-11; Ryan/Hewson def Wagner/Stevens 12-10.

Round 3: Murray had the bye while Parker/McLoughlin def Ryan/Hewson 15-12.

Round 4: With two lives intact, Murray and Young were convincing winners, defeating Parker and McLoughlin 20-7.

THE senior men's championship pairs provided competitive games.

Teams were Gary Tocker (s) and Murray Owen (l), Ropata Ruwhiu (s) and Mo Kapua (l), George Vaotuaa (s) and Steve Jenkins (l), Steve Berezowski (s) and Bruce Ball (l), Andy Tamanui (s) and Harry Green (l).

Round 1: Tocker had the bye. Vaotuaa def Tamanui 22-13; Berezowski def Ruwhiu 17-8.

Round 2: Ruwhiu def Tamanui 22-10; Vaotuaa def Tocker 18-9.

Round 3: Tocker def Ruwhiu 14-9; Vaotuaa def Berezowski 11-10.

Round 4: Berezowski def Tocker 12-6.

The final was between Vaotuaa/Jenkins (two lives) and Berezowski/Ball (one life).

Vaotuaa and Jenkins had a deserved 18-8 win to claim the title with two lives intact.



Gisborne senior mixed pairs winners Steve Goldsbury and Lyn Trueman.

Gisborne

THE greens were in perfect condition and the play in the Gisborne Bowling Club's mixed pairs was stunning considering it was the first major competition of the season.

It was great to see so many junior players competing in an open event and featuring at the pointy end of the tournament as well.

It was decided not to run the junior and senior pairs on the same day so leads became available for senior players, and 16 teams made for an excellent tournament.

The eventual winners were the experienced pair of Steve Goldsbury and Lyn Trueman, who had their work cut out to beat all the top teams.

According to Lyn, Steve played outstanding bowls.

He was ably helped by Lyn as they cast aside some top teams to beat Boon McLlroy and Diane Phillips in a close and exciting final.

Trueman and Goldsbury were six ahead with two ends to play when they dropped four.

As they well know, one does not underestimate the skill of McLlroy in these circumstances.

However, they kept calm and



Gisborne juniors Geoff and Karen Pinn reached the fifth round in the senior mixed pairs.

produced some good steady bowls to ensure victory and another club title.

Mention should be made of Geoff and Karen Pinn who, as second-year players, played superbly to beat some classy duos and gave an outstanding exhibition of play by two juniors who are prepared to practise. With years ahead of them, they have a great future in the sport.

Another couple who surprised themselves were Gus McCabe and Kym Brown. Gus was a calming influence on Kym. It's nice to see a skip getting the best out of a player by being patient and offering plenty of encouragement.

Well done to everyone. It was two days of outstanding bowls.



Dawne Abraham (second left) presents the Abraham Plate, which she donated, to winners (from left) Bruce Ball, Otto Louw, Marilyn Knowles (skip) and Andrew Ball.



Poverty Bay junior men's pairs winners Otto Louw (left) and Andrew Ball.



Poverty Bay junior women's pairs winners Robyn Arthur (left) and Norma Miller.

DRAWS

Netball

THE final day of competition for PAK'nSAVE Gisborne netball this season will be held at Gisborne Netball Centre on SATURDAY.

All games are 4 x 10-minute quarters. Senior finals. Final intermediate and secondary games.

Games at Gisborne Netball Centre.

All senior cards run from the tower. All secondary/intermediate cards run from the scorecard room.

Senior prize-giving will be in front of the pavilion as soon as possible after completion of the 1.15pm round

Intermediate — 9am: 9, X Maidens v YMP Tah; 10, Uawa Hinetera v Campion

Gregory; 11, Whangara Pango v HSOG Strikers; 12, Eastland Vets Ngatapa Y8 v Maui Tuturu.

10am: 4, YMP Toru v Ilminster Y7 C; 9, Ilminster Y7 A v HSOG Hot Shot; 10, Ilminster Y8 A v Whangara Paieka; 11, Kaiti Tu Rangitira v OBM Kahurangi.

11am: 9, YMP Rua v Waikirikiri Kiwikiwi; 10, HSOG Blue Beans v Eastland Vets Ngatapa Pulse; 11, Eastland Vets Ngatapa Magic v Ilminster Y7B.

Byes: Campion Marcellin, Ilminster Y8 B, Ilminster Y8 C.

Secondary — 9am: 1, Manutuke v Maui Te Wananga; 4, Uawa Hinematiore v Ritana Mangopare; 5, GGHS Ferns v Hawaiki Hou; 6, Campion Snr B v GGHS Hinetu.

10am: 1, Te Waiu v GGHS Whitiara; 5, GGHS Hine Toa Magix v KKM o Wairoa Pipihakao; 6, GGHS Manaaki

v Campion Green.

11am: 4, Campion Blue v Horouta Wananga Wharekura; 6, Uawa Hinekiuta v GGHS Mana.

Game to be played at school: Ritana Tangaroa v Ritana Maia.

Senior — 9am: 2, Gisborne Glass Ngatapa v OBM Red Social.

10am: 2, GGHS TSA v Thistle Phoenix.

11am: 1, Ritana Toa v YMP Manawanui; 5, Kotahi Aroha v OBM Red Social.

12 midday (A Grade final): 2, Claydens Waikohu Masters v IMS HSOG Masters; (First Grade final) 6, GGHS Jnr A v Steve Craill Builder Ngatapa.

1.15pm (Premier Final): 2, Whangara Old Girls v YMP Sunshine Brewery; (A Reserve Final) 6, Tapuae v Farmlands Ngatapa; (First Reserve/Second) 10, Uawa Kahukuraiti v Tatapouri Sportsfit Social.

Prize-giving will follow as soon as

possible after the 1.15pm round.

Duty board members: all.

Hockey

Intermediate — TODAY, 4pm: 1a, Gizzy Hawks v YMP; 1b, Gizzy Gannets v Manaakitanga.

4.50pm: 1a, Campion Green v Ilminster A; 1b, Wairoa v Hatea-a-Rangi.

5.40pm: 1a, Ilminster (1) v Gizzy Falcons; 1b, Whatatutu Waingaromia v Campion Gold.

6.30pm: 1a, Gizzy Kingfishers v Gizzy Eagles.

Umpires: GGHS.

Years 5/6 — TOMORROW, 4.45pm: 1a, Central Suns v Mangapapa Kaha; 1b, Green Sticks v Makaraka Gold

5.15pm: 1a, Central Comets v Uawa Maia; 1b, Awapuni Strikers v Whaakaiti.

5.45pm: 1a, Manutuke Mana v Te

Wharau White Sticks; 1b, Te Hapara High Fliers v Whatatutu Weraroa.

6.15pm: 1a Te Wharau Black Sticks v Manutuke Ihi; 1b Makauri Kiwis v Swift Sticks.

6.45pm: 1a, Makaraka Green v Central Super Stars.

Umpires: coaches/managers/ volunteers, please.

Years 3/4 — TOMORROW,

3.45pm: 1a, Junior Green Sticks v Te Wharau Junior Black Sticks; 1b, Te Hapara Soarers v Awapuni Gold Sticks;

1c, Manu-Rua v Central Rising Stars; 1d, Makauri Hitters v Makaraka Orange.

4.15pm: 1a, Junior Green Sticks #2 v Rongomaiwahine; 1b, Mangapapa Flash Sticks v Uawa Toa; 1c, Whatatutu Warriors v Manu-Tahi.

Umpires: coaches/managers/ volunteers, please.

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So near, yet so far

Donnelly's task not getting any easier

GOLF by Chris Taewa

WAKA Donnelly doesn't need to be reminded of when he last won the Poverty Bay men's open.

He knows only too well it has been 10 years since he joined the late Eric Gordon as the second-most prolific winner of the district's flagship men's golf tournament.

One more Keiha Cup crown will take him to eight and draw him alongside Gordon's elder brother Frank as the most successful player in the history of the 89-year-old championship.

It would come 31 years after his first at the age of 19 and a couple of months after his 50th birthday.

First things first. Former Gisborne man Donnelly, now living in Napier, tees off in a 112-strong field in the 85th edition of the Emerre and Hathaway-sponsored PB Open at the Awapuni Links, starting tomorrow morning.

Ahead of them lie 36 holes of strokeplay qualifying on the one day, followed by four rounds of sectional matchplay over Friday and Saturday.

For the guns, the first part of the challenge is to make the championship 16.

What 36-hole total that will be depends on several factors, including the weather and how the players handle a golf course being developed for the New Zealand Amateur in November.

That means some pretty gnarly primary rough and quick greens.

Last year's cut-off was 157. The 16th and last spot was filled by former professional Richard Wright, who is back as part of a powerful Matamata contingent hungry to go one better than 2019.

Wright, brother Andrew and Tim Neill were all in the championship 16 last year.

Neill went on to make the final, knocking out Richard in the semis, but then came up against an impregnable force in home-course player Simon Jeune.

In a superlative-producing display, the 56-year-old Jeune blew Neill away 5 and 4.

Looking to join grandfather Warwick (1959) and uncle Mark Neill (1972, 1979, 1986) as a PB Open champion, Neill could only stand back and admire the performance.

To fall at the final hurdle was disappointing but he told The Herald yesterday he had not stewed on it.

If anything, his reflections were positive. It was his best showing at the Open and an exceptional display by an opponent who had three times tasted defeat in the final.

It also fuelled the fire to return this year and if he himself can't do the job, he is confident the brothers Wright can.

Neill, who plays regularly with Richard, said he'd been putting in the prep and was "looking dangerous", while Andrew was showing "a bit of tournament form", including a strong finish to the Cambridge Classic.

As for Neill himself, he was runner-up at the Tauranga strokeplay series and last weekend competed at the North Island men's strokeplay in Whakatane as part of his PB Open build-up.

An outsider getting his hands on the title, however, will have to negotiate a local minefield, along with history.

It has been seven years since lefthander Bruce Wilson returned to Kinloch with the silverware.

Since then, it has stayed in Gisborne. Included in that run have been two titles apiece to Andrew Higham and Peter Kerekere.

This year, though, there is a great chance of it heading several blocks down the road to Electrinet Park.

Anaru Reedy, the lowest-handicapped player in the district, is in tomorrow's field. The former New Zealand Maori champion shifted from Poverty Bay to Park this year and has been cleaning up. His successes include the senior men's club championship crown last weekend.

Higham is back for another crack and fronts the home-course challenge alongside Jeune and 2012 Open winner and 2020 King of the Coast champion William Brown.

Kerekere and 2018 champion Pete Anderson are the notable absentees. Patutahi has a triple threat in 2007 PB Open champ Tony Akroyd, Hukanui Brown and Dwayne Russell.

Donnelly still has strong ties to the district so is regarded as a local.

David Solomann, who won it in 1995, is also returning home to where he learned his golf, and should not be discounted.

Nearly half the field are from out of the district and the drop in Covid-19 alert level is perfectly timed.

THE draw for the first round of strokeplay in the Poverty Bay Men's Open tomorrow is —

No.1 tee, 7am: R Fletcher, S Bartlett, R Skuse, A Watene. **7.08:** W Thompson, D Service, A Baldwin, N Jones. **7.16:** R Kane, M Garewal, M Barker, J de Groen. **7.24:** T Thorpe, S Shivanan, P Young, G Kemp. **7.32:** M Parsons, H Williams, B Geddes, K Davison. **7.40:** J Pittar, C Thorburn, J Tucker, G Waterhouse. **7.48:** T Williams, G Kane, S McLaren, W Coyle. **7.56:** S Smith, C Cormack, A Hayward, M Thomas. **8.04:** J Gillies, P Keno, C Dean, A Kupa. **8.12:** D Read, A Abrahams, D Griffin, P Butler. **8.20:** T Goldsmith, T Mackie, M Champness, P Gregory. **8.28:** E Brown jr, G Morley, S Andreassen, R Cooper. **8.36:** G Brown, T Akroyd, R Pohatu, B Wilson. **8.44:** A Wright, W Brown, P Wood, D Russell.

No.10 tee, 7am: S Willock, T Sherratt, T Lecke, R Inglis. **7.08:** M Smith, J Tait, D Braford, M Gemmell. **7.16:** R Cameron, K Travers, W Mowatt, B Clarke. **7.24:** R Kane, R Fowler, S Harbottle, P Mullooly. **7.32:** I Cossar, D Hall, K Fitzsimons, S Bell. **7.40:** D Kirkpatrick, M Dogdshun, B Mathews, D Chrisp. **7.48:** T Donovan, T Hall, M Jefferson, T Thornburn. **7.56:** B Kane, E Isaac, D Meadows, R Foon. **8.04:** F Ball, A Kirkpatrick, W Mortleman, R Montford. **8.12:** J Van Helden, T Needham, M Norman, A White. **8.20:** D Jenkins, B Reynolds, P Clayton, N Jolly. **8.28:** M Higham, B Talbot, Z Rolls, G Clapham. **8.36:** D Solomann, S Jeune, H Brown, W Donnelly. **8.44:** A Higham, T Neill, R Wright, A Reedy.

Van Helden gets his third ace . . . four days early

GOLF

JOHN Van Helden's first hole-in-one on New Zealand fairways came four days too early.

Van Helden aced the sixth hole at Poverty Bay Golf Club on Sunday morning.

Teeing off a shortened version of the hole due to the golf course being prepped for tournament play this week, Van Helden achieved perfection with a 9-iron.

He and his playing group watched as his ball never left the pin, hit the green, bounced twice then slotted perfectly between the bottom of the flag and the hole.

The 33,000-to-1 odds of getting an ace were

increased by Level 2 guidelines for golf courses, requiring the hole to be a lot more shallow than usual — thereby upping the chances of the ball bouncing out of the hole or off the flagstick.

Van Helden, the men's club captain at the Bay, didn't care about odds. He was too busy celebrating his third hole-in-one — the others achieved while he was living in England.

Had Van Helden got the ace tomorrow during the Poverty Bay men's open strokeplay qualifying, he would have qualified for the \$1000 Nearest-To-Pin Challenge to be held after the finals of the Open on Saturday afternoon.



HOLE-IN-ONE EXPERT: John Van Helden. Picture supplied

Weekend football draws in Gisborne

Football

EASTERN League 1, SATURDAY, 2.30pm: Rectory, Gisborne Boys' High School v Carpet Court Thistle Massive.

Eastern League 2, SATURDAY, 12.30pm: Wainui,

Wainui Reserves v Wairoa Athletic; Childers Road Reserve 1, Thistle Vintage v Heavy Equipment Services Gisborne United (3); Campion, Campion College v Smash Palace Shockers; Anzac Park, Tatapouri Bohemians v Gisborne Pro Roofing Bohemians.

2.30pm: Wainui, Coates Associates Wainui Demons v ITM Thistle.

Women's Eastern League, SUNDAY, 10.30am: Campion, Campion College v Heavy Equipment Services United; Rectory, Gisborne Girls' High School v Tatapouri Marist Thistle.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tour doping probe opened

MARSEILLE, France — Two people are in custody after an investigation was opened into suspected doping by the Arkea-Samsic team at this year's Tour de France, the Marseille prosecutor says.

Dominique Laurens said in a statement that the probe was targeting a "small part of the team" and that those in custody were part of the "close entourage of the main rider".

The prosecutor did not name the main rider. The leader of the Arkea-Samsic team is Colombian Nairo Quintana.

The probe targeted "the administration and prescription without medical justification of a substance or a method prohibited during a sporting event, and helping and encouraging the use of that substance or method," the statement added.

Searches led to "the discovery of many health products, including drugs, in their personal belongings and above all a method that can be qualified as doping," it said.

Arkea-Samsic's team manager Emmanuel Hubert confirmed the team's hotel had been raided last week.

He said the search targeted a "very limited" number of riders as well as their entourage, who he said were not employed by the team.

Hubert said the investigation did "not target the team or its staff directly".

"We obviously support our riders but if the investigation confirms the veracity of doping practices, the team would immediately dissociate itself from such acts," Hubert added.

The Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI) told Reuters in a statement that it "welcomes and supports the action of all authorities involved in this operation".

The UCI said it will take "necessary measures once it has reviewed the elements obtained by the French judicial authorities". — AAP

Ibrahimovic scores twice

MILAN, Italy — Zlatan Ibrahimovic has scored twice and also missed an open goal to give AC Milan a 2-0 win over Bologna and get their Serie A campaign off to a winning start on Monday.

The 38-year-old broke the deadlock with a towering header in the 35th minute and added the second with a penalty - the first in Serie A this season - five minutes after the break.

The Swede could have scored a hat-trick but, having rounded goalkeeper Lukasz Skorupski, he sent his left-foot shot wide of the target.

Milan, who finished sixth in Italy's top flight last season, remain unbeaten in all competitions since March 8.

One thousand spectators were allowed into the San Siro under the region's COVID-19 regulations and Milan invited local healthcare workers to take those places. — AAP

Morata on loan to Juventus

TURIN, Italy — Álvaro Morata returned to Juventus on Tuesday, signed on a loan deal from Atletico Madrid.

Juventus said it will pay Atletico 10 million euros (\$12 million) for the season-long loan for the Spain striker. It then has the option to purchase his full rights by the end of the season for an additional 45 million euros.

Juventus also said it has the option to extend the loan for another season through 2022 for another 10 million euros, after which it can purchase his full rights for 35 million euros.

Morata won two Serie A titles with Juventus in 2015 and 2016, and was a teammate of new Juventus coach Andrea Pirlo. — AP

Covid robs Orient of windfall

A League Cup third-round match between Leyton Orient and Tottenham Hotspur has been postponed after some Orient players tested positive for Covid-19.

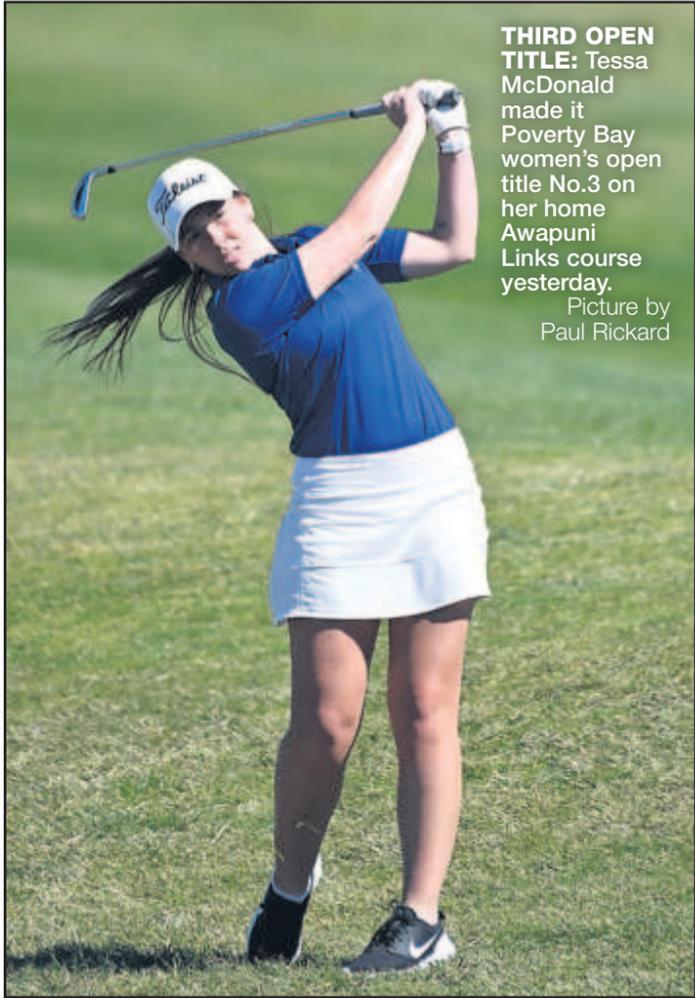
Orient announced on Monday that some of their players had tested positive and that their Breyer Group Stadium and training ground facilities would be closed until further notice.

"Tonight's Carabao Cup match between Leyton Orient and Tottenham Hotspur is not taking place this evening as scheduled," an EFL statement said.

"Discussions are ongoing between the relevant stakeholders in regards to the implications of the decision not to play tonight's game and a further update will be provided in due course."

It was not clear whether Tottenham had been awarded victory by default or whether the match would be rescheduled. It is a bitter blow to Orient who would have been looking forward to a £150,000 windfall with the game scheduled to be screened live on Sky Sports. — AAP

McDonald Open 'tradition' continues



THIRD OPEN TITLE: Tessa McDonald made it Poverty Bay women's open title No.3 on her home Awapuni Links course yesterday.
Picture by Paul Rickard

GOLF by Chris Taewa

WHAT has become something of a family tradition continued on finals day of the Poverty Bay Women's Open at the Awapuni Links yesterday.

Tessa McDonald underlined her top seeding with championship group victory on her home course.

The 25-year-old defeated teenager and fellow Poverty Bay member Ellen Ball 3 and 1 in the matchplay final to get her name for the third time on the McFadyen Cup.

There could be a case for its being informally known as "the McDonald Cup".

Since 2012, Tessa or mother Karen have been in every championship final of the annual tournament.

Tessa first won it in 2012, was runner-up in 2013, champion in 2018 and runner-up last year. Karen won it in 2014 and 2017, and was runner-up in 2015 and 2016.

The pair have never met in the final. And that may never happen if McDonald junior and Ball continue to play in it, and produce the form appreciated by the gallery in yesterday's final.

McDonald ended the match in style, banging a 5-iron on to the par-5 17th for two to set up birdie and victory.

But after enjoying an early 3-up advantage, she was made to work for victory by her ever-improving Gisborne Girls' High opponent.

McDonald won the first hole and slotted a 10-foot par putt on the sixth, which Ball three-putted, to go 2-up. McDonald holed a 20-foot birdie putt



WORTHY OPPONENT: Ellen Ball pushed top seed Tessa McDonald before losing on the 17th hole.
Picture by Paul Rickard

McDonald praised her young opponent and fellow Hawke's Bay-Poverty Bay representative.

"She got better as the match went on and came back at me."

Ball's efforts were also testament to the huge amount of work she has put into her game. A year ago she was on a 13.8 handicap index. Today she is 6.2.

McDonald was happy with her game, noting her improvement and extra distance since getting new Titleist clubs before the Covid-19 lockdown.

She has, however, been battling a "heavy draw", and was heading back to professional Dave Keown today to work on that.

McDonald has an upcoming representative fixture and intends to be part of the HBPB team at the women's national interprovincial. But her main focus this year is the New Zealand Amateur being held at Poverty Bay in November.

The Poverty Bay women's open attracted a field of 64 players, including excellent outside support.

There was high praise for the presentation of the course by course superintendent Jimmy Walker and his team. McDonald described the greens as "perfect".

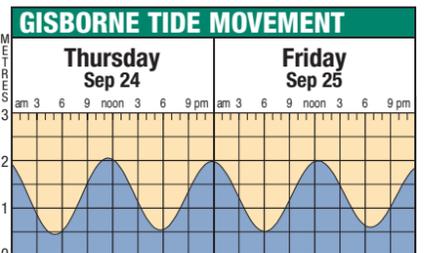
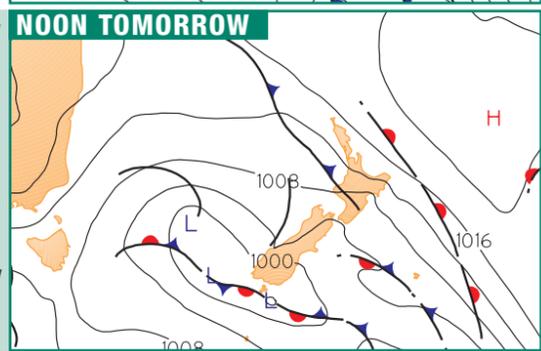
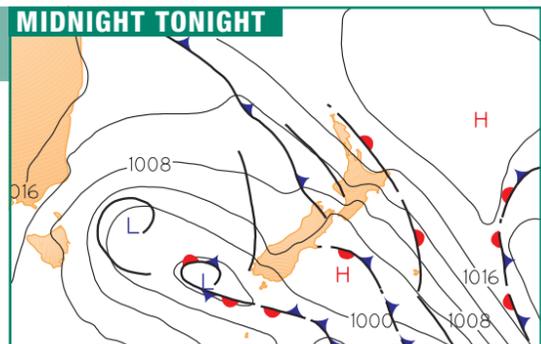
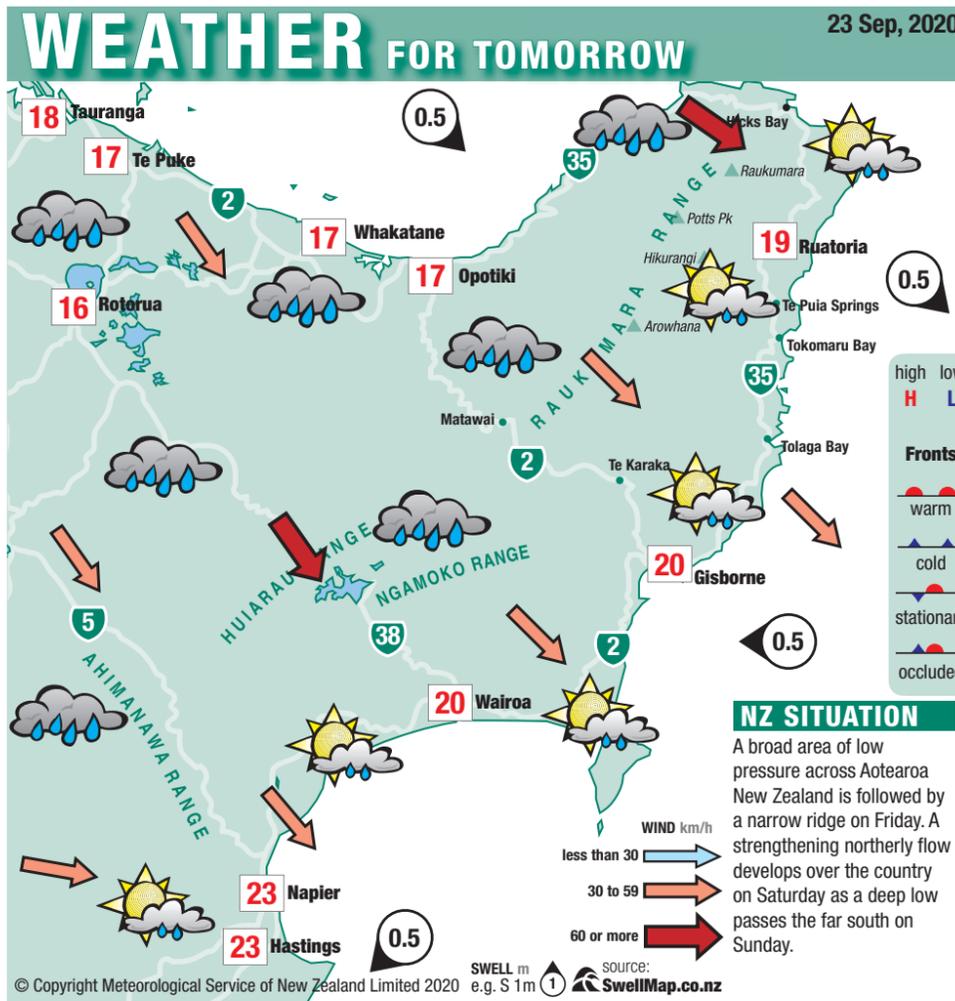
In other group results, Jenny Kight (Hastings) won Group 2, Viv Bell (Poverty Bay) Group 3, Debbie Kirkpatrick (PB) Group 4, Andrea Haisman (Patutahi) Group 5, Pip Dymock (PB) Group 6, Rosie Spence (PB) Group 7 and Rose Pettigrew (PB) the 27-hole group.

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Thursday Sep 24		Friday Sep 25	
am	pm	am	pm
Hicks Bay H 12:05pm	L 5:42am 6:14pm	Hicks Bay H 12:23am 1:04pm	L 6:37am 7:13pm
Waipiro Bay H 11:52am	L 5:17am 5:49pm	Waipiro Bay H 12:10am 12:51pm	L 6:12am 6:48pm
Tolaga Bay H 11:40am 11:58pm	L 5:05am 5:37pm	Tolaga Bay H 12:39pm	L 6:00am 6:36pm
Gisborne H 11:27am 11:49pm	L 5:09am 5:41pm	Gisborne H 12:25pm	L 6:04am 6:39pm
Wairoa H 11:09am 11:37pm	L 4:54am 5:28pm	Wairoa H 12:07pm	L 5:49am 6:27pm

SUN-MOON-MAORI FISHING GUIDE	
Maori fishing guide by Bill Hohepa	
Rise 5:54 am	Rise 5:53 am
Set 6:06 pm	Set 6:07 pm
Best at 5:42 am	Best at 6:39 am
Best at 6:10 pm	Best at 7:07 pm

NZ SITUATION

A broad area of low pressure across Aotearoa New Zealand is followed by a narrow ridge on Friday. A strengthening northerly flow develops over the country on Saturday as a deep low passes the far south on Sunday.

NZ TOMORROW

Auckland	showers	18
Hamilton	showers	17
Tauranga	showers	18
Rotorua	showers	16
Taupo	showers	15
Napier	showers	23
New Plymouth	showers	17
Palmerston North	showers	18
Wellington	fine	16
Christchurch	fine	21
Queenstown	showers	16
Dunedin	showers	18

GISBORNE READINGS

Taken at the Airport, for the 24 hours to 9am, Wednesday 23 Sep 2020

SUNSHINE hours	11.4
On Tuesday, 22 Sep	
To date for September	169.3
Average for September	178.0
To date this year	1673.1
To date last year	1786.0
WIND km/h	
Max gust on Tue 22 Sep	NW 44
RAINFALL mm	0.0
24 hours to 9am, Wed 23 Sep	
To date for September	44.2
Average for September	87.0
To date this year	679.6
To date last year	544.0
EVAPOTRANSPIRATION mm	
Daily average for past week	3.0
TEMPERATURE °C	
Maximum	19.5
Minimum	12.3
Grass minimum	9.9
BAROMETRIC PRESSURE	
At 9am 23 Sep (hPa)	1015.0
At 9am 23 Sep (inches)	29.97

WORLD TOMORROW

Adelaide	showers	9 15
Amsterdam	showers	13 17
Bangkok	rain	25 31
Beijing	cloudy	16 23
Berlin	fine	13 23
Brisbane	fine	16 30
Buenos Aires	cloudy	13 23
Cairo	fine	24 34
Canberra	fine	4 13
Cape Town	cloudy	11 21
Delhi	fine	25 35
Frankfurt	cloudy	15 22
Geneva	cloudy	14 22
Hong Kong	showers	25 30
London	showers	9 17
Los Angeles	fine	17 30
Melbourne	showers	7 15
Moscow	fine	10 21
New York	fine	17 26
Paris	showers	11 18
Perth	fine	13 30
Singapore	showers	24 34
Stockholm	cloudy	12 19
Suva	showers	23 27
Sydney	fine	11 22
Tokyo	rain	17 23
Toronto	fine	13 23

GISBORNE CITY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
TOMORROW	morning min 13 max 20	morning min 12 max 22	morning min 12 max 22	morning min 9 max 22	morning min 9 max 22	morning min 9 max 22	morning min 9 max 22
Mostly cloudy. Light rain for a time. Gusty northwesterlies.		Fine. Northwesterlies.		Fine. Northerlies.		Fine. Northerlies.	
GISBORNE REGION		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
Mostly cloudy. Scattered rain developing in the morning, clearing in the evening. Gusty northwesterlies.		Fine. Northwesterlies.		Fine. Northerlies.		Scattered rain developing early, clearing later. Northerlies, strong in exposed places, easing later.	

TODAY IN HISTORY
1925 - A terrific wind swept Gisborne causing minor damage to the area. "The hoods of several cars were ripped off... people riding on horse-back found it impossible to make any headway and had to dismount." A gust of wind carried away the mainsail and staysail of the scow "Will Watch".
 For the latest weather info including Weather Warnings visit metservice.com



Van Helden makes a habit of hitting the perfect shot but his third ace comes four days early

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Tessa McDonald continues the family tradition on the way to third Poverty Bay Open title

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Namana shows 'em how

BASKETBALL by Ben O'Brien-Leaf

REGGIE Namana has played in more grand finals than any other active club basketball player in Gisborne.

And whether it be for Demolition, Celtics, Old Surfers, Boanergees, Sparks Electrical Systems, Troopers, Horouta, Vatos Locos, Blades, the Coast, Pirates, Old School, Uawa or SES, the Rising Suns great — as he did again last night — determined the outcome of the Gisborne Basketball Association's showpiece.

SE won this year's edition 41-29 against Green Up, who hit 10 three-point shots in the 2 v 3 semifinal, on their defence. Green Up captain Tyrese Tuwairua-Brown hit a three-pointer to open the scoring last night, but it would be the only one to go down until Will Hocquard dropped another for Systems 37, Green Up 24.

Namana was pleased with his unbeaten team's execution of good strategy.

"Our defensive game-plan worked," he said.

"We did what we do best, which is to slow the game down — they helped us do that by walking the ball up. And then we scored inside.

"They played their final (70-49) last week against City Lights."

Rongomai Smith (11 points) and Thomas Tindale (10pts) were Systems' main offensive weapons. Smith's quickness at close range and Tindale's size advantage gave the veterans an edge; Tuwairua-Brown (12pts) led all scorers in the grand final and his teammate Psalm Taylor (8pts) likewise took the ball to the ring with open jump shots not on offer.

Tuwairua-Brown, who scored 22 points in last year's final and 15 on the big stage in 2018, said: "SE played good defence and were just too big for us at the other end of the floor. We tried to front Tom — that didn't work — and he's hard to shift in the low post.

Unfortunately also jumpers didn't fall for us in a slow-paced game."

Systems led 10-7, 20-14, 28-20 throughout, having one extra substitute with nine players to eight: not for them this year the fate of Old School in 2016 when, outnumbered 9 to 7 by the also unbeaten City Lights, and without Smith, Harley Phillips and Rikki Kernohan, they were run off the floor 81-55. The union of SE and Old School this year has created a league titan, who claimed a second title for SES.

Green Up forward Khian Westrupp (4pts) made a put-back for Taylor and guard Zade Donner even blocked Smith's shot from behind in the first period but SES weathered the storm. Their veteran Anton Riri even beat the quartertime buzzer from the right baseline as he toppled out of court.

Referees Clifton Blumfield and Ethan Ngarangione-Pearson were more than even-handed and accurate throughout.

They were outstanding.

Will Hocquard was super value too, for SES, making a back-arched near-impossible shot underneath the hoop for 14-7, and later bouncing off defenders on the right baseline to score again for 19-13. Green Up's Adam Nepe was tough on Smith defensively — as he had to be.

Hocquard zipped the ball into Tindale on left side of the post for 22-14 to open the second-half scoring, with Nepe making the biggest defensive stop of the season against Hocquard (until the fourth period) to block his right-side lay-up attempt out of court at 26-18.

In the fourth quarter, Green Up's Joey Ormond drew a double-team on the left side of the floor and found Taylor slashing out of the near corner to score for 24-32: a magical backdoor play. But the defensive "read" of the season — a testament to experience — came with one minute, 38 seconds remaining. Namana set



CHAMPIONS: SE Systems rest after their grand final victory over Green Up. They are, back (from left): Rongomai Smith, Will Hocquard, Thomas Tindale, Harley Phillips and Anton Riri. Front: Marques Tukukino, Tyla Keelan-Phillips, Adrian Sparks and Reg Namana. Picture by Paul Rickard

himself on the left side of the court in front of Donner on the drive. The Green Up guard went straight into him and was called for the charge — an offensive foul — by lead official Blumfield on a night when the only other player to take a hit full-on was 12-year-old Jerome Tamatea for Old Surfers against the Gisborne Boys' High School Juniors.

And so SE Systems joined Big Baller Brand (top tier B Grade), GBHS Juniors (second tier B Grade), Ngati Porou (A Grade women) and SE Systems (B Grade women) as GBA club basketball champions.

SES is the first club to have won both a men's senior crown

and a women's championship in the new millennium.

If ever the grand final needed something to juice the crowd up, the three games preceding SE Systems versus Green Up all did just that.

Ethan Ngarangione-Pearson (16pts) and William Collier (10pts) hit shots from all points of the compass in the Gisborne Boys' High School Senior A team's 67-35 hit-out against Campion College. Campion captain Robert Fysh's crew have height, athleticism and attack the basket, but opposition skipper Henare Tofilau (9pts) and Cody Tarei (9pts) gave GBHS added punch and Carew Fearnley,

Jonty Evans and Seb Wilson a greater rebounding presence at both ends. Eli Swann dropped three three-point shots to lead Campion's scorers with nine points.

GBHS led 39-14 at halftime. GBHS Juniors coach Keenan Ruru-Poharama played a great coaching hand in his team's 54-32 B Grade second-tier final win against Old Surfers, who in at least two cases were 50 years their seniors.

The GBHS coach applied pressure defence in the second half, which — along with the veterans missing too many inside shots — spelled doom for the Surfers.

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